

# Revival For Our Day

January 1998

Dear Beloved of the Mighty God of Israel,

Jesus said "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. Behold I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it." "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Casting all your cares upon Him for He careth for you. He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we could ask or think according to the power that worketh in us." Unto Jesus our Heavenly Father, the Holy Ghost be thanks, praise, honor, and glory for all He has done and brought to pass.

Two weeks ago Sunday, I was going to go to White Harvest. The week before I was dressed to go. Everything was ready but I could not go. I waited until the next week which was two weeks ago last Sunday. We left here and people were burdened about me going, but I trusted and pressed on. I lay down in the car and David drove. Tyler and Rebecca were in the back seat. The seventy miles usually is a very, very hard distance. But a marvel took place - seventy only seemed like thirty-four. I don't know if it ever occurred in my almost 82 years. I asked Jesus, "What will the choir number be and the anthem?" He revealed to me number eleven. I said, "Jesus, what is Tyler's number today?" He revealed to me number two. I found out, dear ones, that in the two years we have been there, God has told me the same song three times in two years. "To Know Christ" is the title of the song. Then I said, "Jesus, what is my hymn today?" What is the hymn for us at White Harvest today?" He revealed to me that it was in the third hundred. When I got to 209 He told me. This is the hymn that He gave me:

*So send I you to labor unrewarded,  
To serve unpaid, unloved, unsought, unknown,  
To bear rebuke, to suffer scorn and scoffing,  
So send I you to toil for Me alone.*

*So send I you to loneliness and longing,  
With heart a-hungering for the loved and known,*

*Forsaking home and kindred, friends and loved ones  
(that's what happened in 1941)  
So send I you, to know My love alone.  
As the Father hath sent Me,  
So send I you.*

*He called me 76 years ago in the inner voice.*

*So send I you to leave your life's ambition,  
(I always wanted to be a lawyer - my wife said I  
would make a good one.)  
To die to dear desire, self-will, resign,  
To labor long, and love for men revile you,  
So send I you, to know that to lose your life in Mine.*

*So send I you to hearts made hard by hatred,  
(Resentment and analyzation)  
To eyes made blind because they will not see,  
To spend, though it blood, to spend and spare not,  
So send I you, to taste of Calvary.  
As the Father hath sent Me,  
So send I you.*

When we arrived there in the study all of the dear men were so gracious and kind. I was received like royalty, and I felt unworthy of such graciousness and such thoughtfulness. We went into the sanctuary. When we went in, I didn't know anymore what to do than you do as you read this. If you were just going in and you had the responsibility of everything, what would you do as you read this letter. The responsibility is so enormous for anyone. I didn't know what was first, whether it was a hymn, whether it was healing. I didn't know whether it was scripture or preaching or singing or the anthem or the solo or what to do. I had to know every second what God's will was. By His grace can it be.

God began to lead. Well, the eleventh number on the choir list the pastor said, "I don't know whether they have practiced that for months, a year or two years." I didn't know what it was. They began to sing. The anointing was very precious. The song that He revealed to me 40 or 50 miles from there was "If my people, which are called by My name". He didn't say they would, He said if they would. "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves" - be broken, be yielded, have the vision of humility. Humility cannot exist without love. If we have found fault with anybody there is no

humility in us. If we analyze anyone, there isn't any humility. "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves." If we have an analytical spirit we are a long way from the beginning of humility. Humility can't breathe without obedience. Humility cannot exist without brokenness. Humility does not know life without great love. Not philio love, but agape love unto death. Humility is hearing. Humility is submission. Humility is compassion. "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray." Humility is one door to prayer. If we're not really humble, our prayers don't get farther than our lips.

"If my people shall humble themselves and pray and turn from their wicked ways." You mean that God's people have wicked ways? That's what He said. If my people would turn from their wicked ways - what are the wicked ways? And seek My face - how do we seek Him? How is He sought and how is He found? Is He sought by knowledge or by ability or by gifts? No. We seek Him by death.

The choir's anointing on this hymn was very great. We all were happy in His presence.

I said Jesus, "What wouldst Thou have us do now?" He led me and I said, "Tyler will sing number two on his list. I don't know what it is." He began to sing and the power came upon him so marvelously.

The Lord was merciful to help us and to guide and to direct, and we were trying to praise God as he began to sing. When he began to sing, the power fell like I've seldom ever seen it - only once when son Jon sang "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" in 1968. The anointing came upon him beyond until he was lost in it. He didn't have any idea of the tremendous anointing that was on him.

But this precious servant was singing in such anointing that I looked at the choir and the choir was very moved. These are some of the finest persons in the world and some of them were weeping.

Then the Lord revealed to me that the scripture lesson of the birth of Jesus was to be read. God told me that Tyler was to read the scripture lesson. I've never heard the scripture read in my life of seventy-five years plus under the anointing that he was under - only

once and that was when the men on the moon read "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Tyler's anointing was so great, so immense. He didn't realize and none of us knew that the anointing was going to be so sweet and glorious.

Mr. Pruitt had tried to figure out for days and days how he could get thousands of watts way up in the corner of the church to shine down on the nativity scene in front of the altar. He wondered how he could get a light on Mary, Joseph, Jesus, and the animals. Nobody could figure it out. The sky was gloomy, it was dark and it looked like there wasn't any sun. It looked like the clouds were a mile thick. But the instant he began to read the scripture, a ray of light broke through from 93 million miles. It came through that window up there. How did it come? It came by a miracle. That light was so brilliant, so illuminated that when Brother Pruitt got up he was so excited. It was so great it couldn't be explained. It lighted it brilliantly. When he finished the scripture, it was gone. A marvel of marvels beyond measure. The people who were there will tell you.

We couldn't see it because we were in the pulpit. I didn't even know that the nativity scene was there, but God did. He put such light on it from the sun. How could it ever break through such thick clouds and through those little windows? I don't know if it was equal to thousands and thousands of watts of light, and it was gone.

There was no room for Jesus at the inn. We thought it was terrible and it was. But when we have analyzation in our mind, is there any room in an analytical heart for Jesus to dwell? If we have any questions about certain things, can Jesus live in a questioning heart? Can the precious Savior find a place to lay His head in a place like that? If there is fault finding in us, in the heart, or the mind, how much room is there for the Christ of the cross? If there is a critical spirit in us, is there room? Can Jesus come in there? Would He want to come in? Would He be at home in your heart and mine if we were critical?

What got me sixty-five years ago this month was when I read "And few there be that find this life". The seventh chapter of Matthew verse 13 and 14. Luke 13 - "Strive ye to enter in at the straight gate. Many shall

seek and shall not be able." Well Lord, we've been with you in the streets. We've heard you preach, we've been with you, we've eaten with you. And He said, "I know you not".

He didn't say it like He did in the seventh chapter of Matthew, "Lord, Lord, we've cast out devils in your name. We've prophesied, we've preached great sermons in your name. We've done miracles and marvels. And I shall say unto them, depart from me you workers of iniquity, I never knew you."

They cast out devils. They preached. They saw miracles. He said, "I never knew you."

After the service, I went into the study and I was so happy. We had such a great time and I looked up and in came Janet Shaver with her children, Rachel and Samuel. Rachel was shining like a light and she was weeping and she said, "Rev. Helm, I wanted you to come and eat with us again. Each time you've eaten with us when I was young through the years, it has encouraged me and it's helped me. I wanted you to eat with us."

I asked Rachel why she was limping. Her mother told me that she fell off a bicycle last May and hurt her ankle. She had been on crutches some of the time. She had just had surgery a few weeks before that. She was in great suffering from May until then.

I asked her to come over to me. I got down on my knees and got my hands around her ankle and I called to our heavenly Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to get into the bone and the ankle that had been hurt and the ligaments, tendons, cartilages, bones, tissues, and the fibers. I felt the Holy Ghost go through my hand into the other hand and into the ankle bone.

I stopped and I asked Rachel to walk through the door, and all that were in there would tell you that she walked as normally as any girl.

She came back and they went out to tell my grandson in the car, which was a hundred feet away. David said she was crying so hard, she couldn't tell him anything.

The Lord was so merciful to us and we left for home. God worked so wonderfully the seventy miles back.

Anyone who does God's will, will be despised in this world. "Who hath believed our report and to whom is the arm of the Lord

revealed? And He shall grow up as a tender plant as a root out of dry ground."

Can you see Jesus trying to break through the sod of human criticisms, human assertiveness? How hard is it for Jesus, the tender plant, to break through the sod of carnality and resentment and hate and criticism? What kind of a place are we in since the fall of man? How long have you prayed to get the revelation? When did God reveal to you how hard the heart is? Have you been obeying? Have you obeyed the Lord? Do you know what it is to hear His voice? He said that His sheep hear His voice. Do you hear it?

He said His sheep follow Him? Do you follow Him? Do you hear the voice? Do you know the voice of Jesus? What is Jesus' voice like? How far have you followed without instigation and planning?

When I left all in '41 I came home to find men and women that would do God's will. Where can we find them? Do you know some? Do you know one that does God's will and doesn't criticize anyone or find fault with anyone? Do you know someone like that?

All followers of Jesus are kind and compassionate. They are tender. They are gentle. They are sweet even in the midst of misunderstanding. They don't rebuff and rebel and get upset. They take it and go on with rejoicing.

What are you doing to help the poor and the needy? Are you rejoicing evermore? The scriptures tell us to rejoice always. How much rejoicing are you doing?

I went to get my wife from the beauty salon and the man who owns it asked me if I would pray for his eyes. I cannot pray, I cannot preach unless God helps me.

I began to pray for this brother. I had to have help from heaven. The brother told me that he had the most beautiful vision as I prayed for him.

When I left there, I went to the home of John Langdon. John was very sick. I went in the house and the Holy Ghost came upon me and I commanded the devil of infection and germs to be cast out in Jesus' name. I left there and went to Larry Wrights. He wanted me to pray through the house. The Holy Spirit came down on us until it went clear to our feet. The power of the Kingdom of God came down with great sweetness and wonderful works of love and light and holiness.

Thank you for all the Christmas cards we received. We thank you for your prayers. We appreciate all your prayers and all your love. If you will turn to Mark 12:30 you will see that is the first commandment. Do you love your neighbor as yourself? Do you?

He said in Romans 13:10, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." Romans 15:1 you will read, "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak and not to please ourselves. Let everyone of us please his neighbor for his good to edification."

We are not to please ourselves. We are to please our neighbors - this scripture says so. This is by revelation. It is the Word of God. It was written 1900 years before I was born.

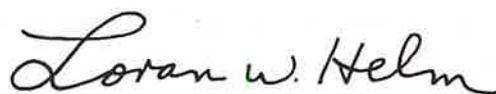
In Galatians 5:14 we read, "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." That's everyone that is born again. That's what God's will is. If I don't love my neighbor as myself, am I living obediently or selfishly? What are you living? I'm so sorry I haven't loved my neighbors more.

James 2:8 says, "If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well." This is the scripture given to all Christians, all followers of Jesus.

Thank you. I love each of you. Pray. Pray till you touch heaven. Pray, dear ones, until the glory falls on your soul. It may take a half hour of bombarding. It may take an hour. It may take two hours. If your heart is hard, you will have to pray hard to get all the hardness cleansed out. You will have to write a few letters to everyone you ever found fault with, everyone you ever criticized. You'll have to get that under the blood with them and the glory will come. We've got to humble ourselves and pray and turn from our wicked ways and seek His face. He said, "Then will I hear from heaven and I will forgive your sins and will heal your land."

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,



Loran W. Helm

P.S. Rev. Helm asked to have the following letters included.

Dear Rev. Helm and Florence,

I was encouraged while reading how Jesus helped at the service when you were at White Harvest recently. Jesus is truly wonderful and wants us to obey so His Great Awakening can come.

Last night, Marilyn and I were listening to your message on Prince Kabu and I heard new things in the message which I never heard in the many times I had listened to it previously.

Pastor Schultze gave a wonderful message on the Great Awakening from Ezekiel 37 and by God's grace we can come to oneness as we do what Jesus tells each of us to do.

May God continue to wonderfully bless you as we wait before Him in these days ahead.

Bruce Buddenhagen

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Dear Rev. Helm,

It was such a blessing to be with you last year in Arkansas and in Greenville. Your preaching was a great help to me. Your message on the sanctifying of the church as you taught from John 17 was insightful.

I was especially blessed by the men's chorus as you led them in singing "In the Garden" at Greenville. The song shed more light on the message from John 17. It was a call to meet with Christ in the garden tomb of fellowship and suffering, to share the burden of the cross, death, and the sanctified life.

We come to the garden alone and only Christ knows the way. The "dew" speaks of the night of decision, betrayal and death. It speaks of the cross. the Son of God discloses a deeper message, the message of the cross. When He speaks, He gives the heart a new "melody".

We'd like to stay in the garden as Peter wanted to stay on the Mount of Transfiguration, but for Him as for all of us, the "night" around us is falling. He bids me go with Him and His beautiful voice becomes a voice of woe because of the soul burden, the woe of a lc world and a carnal church. This voice is calling to me.

When He tells me that I am His "own", it is more than ownership by Redemption. It speaks of a closer relationship, a union of like minds. Kindred spirits sharing the woe, the suffering and the joy.

The joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known. All the saved have known the joy of redemption, but there is a deeper joy to be found when we respond to the woe and obey the go.

These thoughts were so helpful to me that I wanted to share them with you. Sarah and I love you and we are praying for you and your continued ministry in the earth.

God bless you,  
Edgar Martin

Dear Rev. Helm,

I want to give God praise for our meeting here in Plymouth Sunday, January 4, the first Sunday of 1998. We were blessed and fortified by the way the Lord worked through you in the service. As the service progressed, the Holy Spirit gave foundational truths we all need to hear over and over again.

As the six of us reviewed the service later that day, it seemed to us that the Lord was very much confirming our conviction that we will find and be faithful to those souls the Lord has witnessed are "crying for us to come" by simply loving people where we find them and not trying to get anyone in.

We enjoyed Mike Lampl's singing so much. Surely the Lord was speaking to us through his music. What a very special blessing to have Sandra Whitaker sing in our home.

I never want to forget the sacred experience the Lord gave you and me as we embraced upon parting. I cannot comprehend that the Lord would grant such an experience.

Thank you again for your obedience and perseverance to come. We'll cherish the memory. We love and esteem you in Christ Jesus. We will be praying for you and yours.

Most respectfully,  
Paul Spasic

Dear Brother Helm,

It was a welcome experience, as always, to visit with you by phone this morning. We did, for sure, have a meaningful time together this past Sunday as you came to Fair Haven and shared yourself and your preaching and teaching with our church family. The insightful, solid exposition of our Lord's "New Commandment" was as clearly presented as most of us have ever heard it and I cannot think of a text or them that would be more appropriate to any audience at any time.

Hearing Sandra sing launches me back across the years to the times and places and experiences that Jenny and I have had with Sandra and Audie and, I must say, she performed "Praise Ye the Lord" as well as I ever heard her sing it. Dean Anne also did so well. Her expression and fine vocal gift along with Jewell's wonderful accompaniment . . . what a blessing to anyone who was "blessable"!

Please give our love to Mother Florence. We look forward to being with you at the next opportunity as the Lord leads. In the meantime we continue to pray for you along the lines of your several needs, believing the Great Physician to hear and answer according to His will.

Yours in His service,  
Daniel Light

Dear Rev. Helm,

O what fellowship! O what joy divine! What a gift it was to us to have you come to our little fellowship in Plymouth, IN. It had been some time since we had seen you, but the fellowship was as if there had been no time lapse.

Your message was so chock full of spiritual nuggets that I could not write them down fast enough. For brevity's sake, I will only mention a few:

- You said, "after we are converted, we have one assignment . . . to become as a little child."
- You said, "I only have a bird's eye view - but a little bird can see some things, and the more he flies, the more he sees."
- "Some of the stoppages to becoming a little child are opinions, education and our own ideas."
- "The Church is in the Wilderness. The Wilderness is full of things that bite and sting."
- "We (in the Church) are working too hard to win souls. If there is not sufficient drawing, lambs are born Cesarean and with a trustless heart. They need rock-bottom, old fashioned conviction first."
- "If a minister doesn't love everyone in the world, he should not get into the pulpit."
- "Most all people in our congregations are bruised."
- "If we have faith, giants will be as grasshoppers."
- "If we pray until the Glory falls, it will give our hearts all they need."
- "You don't get into the 'deep' without following. I walked with God several years before getting into the 'deep.'"
- "Do not try to find out where you are."
- "We are all analyzers by birth . . . we have to leave this ground."
- "Just as soon as Zaccheus wanted to know Jesus with all his heart, Jesus wanted to go home with him."
- "If a man of God or minister knows what he is going to do, it is his doing."
- "The power that worketh in us is in proportion to our knowing we are nothing."

As you were leaving and I was walking you to your car, I wished you could have stayed longer. I immediately became homesick for you as you drove away like a little boy whose father was going to a far place. You waved to me as I walked away and rolled down the window and told me you loved me. Only Eternity will reveal the wonder of it all.

We trust that you will return as soon as the Lord allows or leads. You met the longing of an aching heart that day when you came to Plymouth Christ Fellowship for six souls. May the peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus, the Friend who sticketh closer than a brother.

Shalom Alechaim,  
Tony and Mary Wood

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Dear Ones,

I wanted to talk to you a bit about the hard heart. The hard heart does not obey, it is critical, it is analytical, it is cold and isn't aware of these things. This analytical spirit gets into the very nature of man to try to figure out. We are not called to be figurers, but followers. If we analyze we cannot die. We cannot die without much pressing, much prayer, much review. God requests that His people, in the Old Testament, would review morning, noon and evening. Review caused the carnal nature to be stirred up.

The carnal nature is the reverse of pressing into the Kingdom of God. The carnal nature has its own plans, its own purpose and its own way. We cannot conquer the carnal nature in our own strength. We lost so much in the fall of man. The pressing into the Kingdom is a continuing process.

The joy of the Lord is only as we press into the Kingdom of God. This comes by obedience and following what the Holy Spirit tells us to do.

We thank all of you for your many prayers and your compassion. We want to express our gratitude, our thanksgiving, our praise to the Lord and our appreciation to each of you who have carried the cross and pressed into the Kingdom.

I want to share the message that the Lord gave me in January at a service at Parker City Christ Fellowship.

**In the fourth chapter of I Thessalonians, we read, "Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the**

**Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour."** (verses 1-3)

This is, of course, a wonderful scripture of His divine word to our hearts. In the fifth chapter of Ephesians, verse 27, Jesus said through His servant Paul, "That he might present it (His church) to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

In the seventeenth chapter of St. John we read about Jesus praying to the Father. This is His high priestly prayer to God. In the nineteenth verse He said, "And for their

sakes (that is all of us) I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one . . ." That is the will of God for the church. It is God's will that we are all one as God and Jesus are one.

When Jesus has pre-eminence within us there is always compassion and love. It is a privilege to have communion in our heart, to know Him, and the power of His resurrection. The only way we can know this power is to suffer with Him. There is emphasis these days on the power without the death. We want the miracles without the suffering. The human side of us wants to avert the cross, which is entire sanctification.

Before I was sanctified, I didn't understand that I needed to be sanctified after I was converted. I thought that when I had conversion, I had it all. I didn't realize that the thing within me that I was born with, called carnality, had to be dealt with.

The carnal nature is a desperate thing. It has caused all of our troubles. If we look at Romans, chapter eight, we will find a little of the disposition of the carnal nature. We have to die daily or it will dominate us and prevent us from really receiving what Christ has for us.

In verse six we read, "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."

When we are sanctified, the carnal spirit in us is crucified and cleansed. That comes not by might or power, but by His Holy Spirit and through His truth. If we are carnal, we cannot be led by the Holy Spirit. Carnality and the leading of the Holy Spirit are as far apart as Pole is from the South Pole.

What the church world-wide needs is to be cleansed from the carnal nature. If I don't die daily, I let carnality come in to my heart unaware. We have to be warned of this, because before we know it, this carnal spirit will come in and we will talk about someone, or we will have a resentment.

Resentment is a fruit of the carnal mind. Finding fault is a fruit of the carnal nature. Being offended is a fruit of the carnal nature. Anyone who is carnal frightens me because you don't know what they are going to do.

It is God's will that we be sanctified. We just read that we are sanctified by the truth of Jesus Christ. When I was sanctified, it began the 22nd day of September in 1935. The work of sanctification is the truth of Jesus working in you to cleanse you and to take out of you the nature that so often besets us to keep us from His likeness. We are to become like Jesus - first at home and then everywhere we go. When we walk with Him, he leads us by His Holy Spirit and we become in His likeness through truth by obedience.

When we do not obey, we are disobedient. Disobedience is always taken over by the carnal nature. The carnal nature is always disobedient. We have to die in order to obey.

It is God's will that we be sanctified so that we can be one. God's people are always one. There are no conflicts or divisions in God's people. I Corinthians 1:10 tells us this.

The sanctified heart is, by the grace of God, when we are cleansed of this old stubborn, carnal nature that we are born with. It is constantly trying to make a re-entry into the heart. If we don't do God's will, it comes back in there.

Carnality is our enemy. We are born with it because our forefathers chose to do their own will. Adam and Eve chose what they wanted and death came upon us.

It used to be preached that if you were sanctified once, you had it forever. But we have to constantly die and obey Him. My burden has been for the church for 60 years. Unless the ministry and the laity die daily, we won't really be the church. We will be a self-assertive.

As we obey Him, we have fellowship with Him. We will have the joy of the Lord in our heart. When we are cleansed from this carnal nature, we find out we are nothing and He is everything. Then we can follow and that is obedience. Without obedience, we are not the church.

Jesus told us that if we would lift Him up, He would draw all men. This happens through the sanctified and obedient heart. What prevents us from being a sanctified people? First, it is the carnal nature (sin). Secondly, it is opinions of the flesh. Then it is things in our lives that have hurt other people.

We cannot be sanctified if we have said anything about anybody to anybody. Many

have been to the altar for years and years and never gotten the experience of entire sanctification because they didn't make the restitution that was needed.

Jesus wants us to become one in holy harmony, purity, righteousness, and truth in Him. We have to constantly press toward the mark and plead the blood of Jesus, that we might be what He would have us to be in our hearts. When He cleanses us, we become partakers in the divine nature.

We are not led in the mind, but by the Holy Spirit in revelation. We are only led by revelation, not by plans. I don't know in what century we got off, but the carnal nature in man began to do what he wanted to do.

We need to humble ourselves and let him crucify out of us all the ugly things that man is born with. Carnality is our enemy and is constantly wanting to get back inside of us. The more we try to follow God, the stronger the pressure will be for carnality to try to get back in our hearts. He wants us in His likeness - to be like Him.

Without obedience it is impossible to please Him. Acts 5:32 He tells us that He gives the Holy Spirit to those who obey Him. We try to get the power without the death. If we will die and obey, then He will fill us with His Holy Spirit. When we are cleansed from the carnal nature, He indwells us and leads us by His holy presence.

Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come!

In Jesus' Name,

*Loran W. Helm*

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P.S. We ask that you would be prayerful of the financial needs of the ministry of Revival of Our Day. Rev. Helm asked to have the following letters included for the glory of God.

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Dear Redeemed of the Lord of Hosts,

Praise the Lord whose power can deliver us out of the snares of the enemy and whose grace does deliver us in the perfect timing designed by His wisdom! Praise Him for the plan formed within His heart because He was not willing that any one should perish according to his/her iniquities, but should live with Him eternally in a place His presence alone makes heaven! Praise Him who counted the cost, faced the cost, and subjected Himself to cost in full, the Sovereign of all to be His Son

that He be the sacrifice, a living sacrifice from day to day, that His righteousness might be satisfied, and we might acquire access unto the Throne of the Holy One.

Oh what a glorious good news He is unto those who had not thought of Him, had not talked to Him, had never consulted Him on any of their plans or decisions, that He did not 'throw in the towel' but kept our days that we should not see the pit!

I just wanted to tell you that my salvation would never have occurred without God ministering through you and though there is no way to come close to the fringe of celebrating it on earth, in my limitations I want to never forget His ability to find men who stood in the gap. Oh the wonder that Jesus love me!!! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not one of all His benefits.

A retrieved firebrand,  
Simone Mossholder

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Dear Rev. Helm,

I would like to tell you about my friend Paul. I became acquainted with him on the CB radio. His handle was 'Plumber' since he had once been a very successful plumber in Florida. He was a nice fellow and we enjoyed talking so much we wanted to meet. He came over to my home and we talked about his relatives from Missouri, one of which was a preacher in his 90's. On another occasion, Paul helped me put up an antenna. Soon we had developed a good relationship.

Paul had to go into the hospital while I had the flu and couldn't visit him. Paul's wife, Shirley, called me and asked me to come. Later, I found out Paul was asking for me. That was on a Monday and I went that same night to visit and have prayer. I continued to go everyday except Sunday for the next 11 days to visit and have prayer. After a few visits, when my prayer would end, Paul would say, "Praise the Lord". Then one day he said, "It's like you've been my friend and I've known you all of my life".

While his sons were there visiting from Missouri Paul said, "I've made some mistakes in my life, but I'm trying to be a Christian and I'd like Rev. Mann to pray". I was impressed that he would say that with his sons there. Jesus helped me to pray for him.

By Thursday and Friday, Paul's condition had worsened. He came in and out of a coma so I stood at the door and prayed. By Saturday Paul was gone.

Laurelle and I took some flowers to Shirley at her home. She was so thankful as she told us of her desire to buy some flowers for herself as she picked out flowers for the casket earlier. After the funeral, a friend told us that Paul was a changed man.

It all began with you in 1951 when you came to Gatlinburg. If you hadn't pressed to obey God, I wouldn't have been there to help Paul.

Sincerely,  
Jerry Mann

# Revival For Our Day

May 1998

Dear Pilgrims of Jesus,

We want to be grateful to all of you who have been faithful to help us and to pray for us in the midst of many places during these last years. We want all of you to know that we are thankful for the earnest prayer, the sacrifice, and the vision of giving.

I thank you for allowing me these many years to write these newsletters to you. I trust that they have been an encouragement to you and that you will encourage one another along the journey and love everyone as He loves us.

I wanted to share with you the message that the Lord gave me recently one Sunday morning at Parker City Christ Fellowship.

In the sixth chapter of Ephesians, verse ten, it says, **“Finally, my brethren...”** Those are the Christians, the born again, the changed, those living for Christ who are trusting with all their heart and are leaning not to their own understanding. **“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord.”** How are we going to be strong? How is it possible to be strong in the Lord? The strength comes from God Himself and it comes to the lowly, to the humble. We have strength when we humble ourselves.

II Chronicles 7:14 says, **“If my people, who are called by name, shall humble themselves and pray.”** This is the way to be strong - by humbling ourselves. Humility is the doorway to spiritual strength, spiritual victory, spiritual overcoming. It takes courage to humble one's self. It takes perseverance. It requires all that there is within us, because humility is the doorway to prayer and to petition and to supplication. **“If my people who are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray.”** The way to be strong in the Lord is through prayer and obedience. Strength in the Lord comes by humility, by submission, by commitment, by dedication, by hearing and by waiting.

**“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up**

**with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.”** (Isaiah 40:31) Praise the Lord! Our strength comes as we wait on the Lord, as we pray and as we obey Him. Every obedience produces strength. Praise the Lord. He said, **“Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.”** Sometimes persons will think, “Well how do we receive strength?” We receive it by humility. It comes by submission. It comes by willingness. It comes by perseverance. It comes by the grace of God, by the mercies of God, that we be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

I remember many years ago at a campground just out of Waco, Texas, when Dr. Henry Clay Morrison was the main preacher and minister of the camp. God laid it upon his heart that Uncle Buddy Robinson should preach on Sunday morning. So he mentioned it to the board of trustees and every one of them refused. They said, “No. It's not possible. We cannot allow you to have him preach on Sunday Morning.” Dr. Morrison said, “Well, God has laid it upon my heart.” Uncle Buddy couldn't talk plainly. He had a lisp and his speech was very different. They thought it would ruin things to have such a cowpuncher preach and he wasn't really able to do it, so they thought. I am talking about strength and being strong in the Lord. They didn't think he was strong enough to preach and they questioned it, reneged on it and said it should not be done. Dr. Morrison said, “I will take full responsibility.”

So the time came and he announced that Uncle Buddy was going to preach. The board of trustees didn't think he had the spiritual strength to do it, the wisdom or the knowledge, because he didn't have any education. He got up there and began to preach and of course he was lisping and was not speaking articulately. But the power of the kingdom of God hit that great building. The glory went here, there and yonder. They were being saved all over the place. I don't know how many hundred people found Christ and were sanctified that morning because this

little humble fellow (that some thought had no spiritual strength at all) had such strength and such power with God. From then on, I tell you, Uncle Buddy Robinson was wanted over the United States. H.E. Graham, the Bible man said, "When I would go to Dallas and Dr. Morrison would be preaching in one place and Uncle Buddy Robinson in another, I had a tough decision to make. I didn't want to miss Dr. Morrison and I didn't want to miss Uncle Buddy either."

The strength of the Lord is by the grace of God. Brethren, be strong in the Lord. Have you ever measured your strength? Spiritually? Some men can lift two, three or four hundred pounds of weight. They are strong. Some can lift five hundred. But what can we lift of the burdens to the Throne? What is the strength required to get your prayer to the Throne? What spiritual strength is required to be able to prevail with God? It's the humble, it's the broken, it's the contrite. It's the person who has made their restitutions, who has gone the second mile. It's the person who loves their neighbor, and loves their enemies. It's the person who is just willing to yield and surrender and let Jesus lead. Praise the Lord. "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." Be strong in the Lord **and** in the power of God's might. That is endless. There is no way to measure it. It is to the humble, to the faithful, to the obedient heart.

Verses eleven and twelve say, "**Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.**" These are great contestants and great powers of the air that are striving to keep us out of victory and to discourage us. It is a constant battle. "**Wherfore take unto you the whole armor of God...**" (verse 13) How do we take it? For instance, when I go out I'll take my coat and put it on. Take the whole armor. How do you do it? How do you take it? How do we proceed to take the whole armor? He said that we are to be fully

dressed, spiritually. We are to have on our spiritual garments. Take the whole armor, the whole dress, the whole part of it. Not a fraction of it, but all of it. We take it by grace. We take it by carefulness. We take it by thanksgiving. We take it by humility. We take it by love. Where we do not love we can't even see our armor, the spiritual dress that we are to be arrayed in - in order to be victorious. Take unto you the whole armor of God. How much perseverance does it require to take it, how much of a vision? If we do not have the vision of the urgency of the taking of the armor we will come short and not accomplish it. So therefore, as we yield ourselves in humility and with love and with care and with obedience and by trusting with all of our heart, we take the whole armor of God. Why do we take it? We take it to withstand and to be able to be victorious over the powers of the air, because the powers of the lower heavens are run by the darkness and the enemy is fighting.

Many times people will say, "I don't understand why certain things occur?" Well, the devil and the powers of darkness are raging and he, "...as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." (I Pet. 5:8) And unless we have the whole armor, he will take over. We must be fully dressed in order to withstand in the evil day. It says, "that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done **all** to stand." How much is that? What is involved in having done **all** to stand? Where is the end of that thought? It is immense, isn't it? That is a tremendous area of meditation. It requires much prayer and all prayer and witnessing. Without witnessing we are not able to get to the place that we may be able to withstand in the evil day and having done all to stand. In standing, what are we doing? We are taking our place. We are receiving our call. We are receiving our obligation. We are receiving what He has for us to embrace, that we may go forth as lights in the world. "Hold out your light ye heaven bound soldier, let your light shine around the world." We stand by light, we stand by love. We stand by the help of the Holy Spirit. We stand by the grace of God. We stand by the sustaining power of the Word of God. If we do not have the

power of the Word of God we cannot stand. We are slumped. We are bent over. We are sitting. We are crushed. We are lying flat. He said to stand. It is a marvelous thing to stand, having done all that we can through prayer, through humility, through perseverance, through blessing God and giving Him the glory. Having done all to stand, by the Word of God, by the truth of God, by the love of God, by the blood of Jesus Christ.

**Without the blood of Jesus Christ applied to our hearts we cannot stand. We cannot be upright without the precious blood, the sacred blood, the holy blood of Jesus Christ.** There was a saint that went to Heaven and had a glorious experience. I heard her speak in Kokomo, Indiana. When she got to Heaven, she wanted to go in and Jesus told her, "It is not quite time for you to go in. I want you to go back to the earth and tell the bishops and church leaders that they haven't been making enough of my precious blood." She said that Jesus made it plain to her that that we on earth in the churches had not really exemplified and lifted up the wonder of the blood of Jesus Christ. We stand by the blood of Jesus. The blood of Jesus is our victory. Hallelujah! He shed His precious blood to cleanse us, to make us a pure and a holy soul for Him. We have the victory through the blood of Jesus Christ. We need to plead the blood. There is no other way, but by the help of the precious blood and the work of the Holy Spirit. Having done all to stand. Standing means that we are faithful, that we are reliable, that we are willing to wait upon Him and let Him lead and guide and bless and direct. This is the way. It is interesting to me that He tells us after having done all we can to stand. That means that standing doesn't end. It does not end in the first hour, in the first assignment or obligation. Standing. He said, "Having done all to stand."

Verse fourteen then says, "**Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth.**" And when we reach for this garment we take the precious truth of Jesus Christ and we gird the loin, the very serious part of the body of multiplication of new life. Jesus said, "I

sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth, thy word is truth." We are sanctified by the truth of Jesus Christ. We gird about the loin, the precious truth of Jesus Christ, by the grace of God and the work of the Holy Spirit. I remember years ago that Terry Hogue said every morning when he got up he put on the whole armor of God piece by piece. How do you know when your loins are girt about with truth? He said this is the way that we win the victory, having our loins girt about with truth, Jesus the Lamb, the light, the power of the kingdom of God. Stand faithful.

So many things are about us to cause us to lose that precious girdle of His presence. There are many things racing and battling to take from us the very garment that is to be girding the loin of the spiritual life. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah! It's a persevering, a pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. St. Paul said, "...But this one thing I do, forgetting those things that are behind and reaching forth unto those things that are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:13,14) This is one way we can keep on this precious girdle of truth about the loin in this very important area of the spiritual body.

After we are girt about with truth, he said, "**...and having on the breastplate of righteousness.**" We have to be faithful to do this, not only through prayer and witnessing, but we have to take care of our obligations. If we are going to have our armor on, we must take care of that which we owe our fellow men, taking care of our light bill, rent bill, grocery bill, fuel bill. We must take care, for if we fail to, we lose our spiritual garments. We will be very easily taken over if we do not fulfill our responsibilities. When we are lax in these areas, then we lose our spiritual garments. The fasteners break off. You have to have something to fasten to, to hold to. We must be faithful in our obligations and responsibilities.

"**And having on the breastplate of righteousness.**" How do we get that on? It is such a sacred part of the spiritual garment.

Righteousness is of God. "For the kingdom of Heaven is not meat and drink, but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." (Rom. 14:17) It doesn't come by observation, but it is within you, Jesus said. (Luke 17:20,21) "For the kingdom of Heaven is not in word, but in power." (I Cor. 4:20) Putting on the breastplate of righteousness is almost beyond words to tell or to explain or to declare. This is why many of the people in the churches are weak and not victorious, because they are not spiritually dressed. They do not have their loin girt about with truth and we fail to get the breastplate of righteousness on. It comes by prayer, by vision, by perseverance, by the grace and help of the Holy Spirit that we are able to get this breastplate of righteousness on our spiritual being. Is your breastplate of righteousness scarred? In spiritual battle you have some scars and the enemy takes a terrible mark at this and tries to destroy us, but with the breastplate of righteousness we can overcome by the grace of the Lord. We can go forth as lights, as pilgrims, as soldiers, as servants of the Most High God, broken, yielded, with thanksgiving, praise and adoration.

Then he says in verse fifteen, "**And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.**" I was preaching this one time in Oregon and I got to this place of putting on the gospel shoes. How do you get the gospel shoes on? What size do you wear? If you get the wrong size, you'll get spiritual corns and you will limp and not be able to follow. He said, "Follow me." There won't be any following if you get the wrong size shoe. While I was preaching, I got down on the pew and I began to get my gospel shoes on. I had to look awhile to find the right ones. I began to put them on and I got them laced up and I started walking. I never walked like that before or since in all my eighty-two years. It was something to behold. My wife never forgot it, nor did the pastor and all the people that were with me that day. If we don't have the gospel shoes on we will have bruised feet. We are not able to walk through the rocks of the path that we are called to walk. What are the gospel shoes made of? Are they made of spiritual leather? Be sure you have the right size. Be sure you have the right quality.

These shoes are made of great love and peace.

It's interesting that it says the preparation of the gospel of peace. That's the crucifixion, the resurrection, the word of God, leaving all, forsaking all, becoming like Jesus, having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. If we don't have those on, we don't follow. We don't obey. We can't see the path. But the gospel shoes are our peace. We are bearers not only of His love, but also of His peace. "Peace, peace, wonderful peace, coming down from the Father above. Sweep over my spirit forever I pray, in fathomless billows of love." After we have done all, we are to stand. We can't stand unless we are fully dressed in the kingdom of God. The shoes of the gospel of peace are urgent and important to maintain. The shoes slip off if we are not very careful of our behavior and responsibilities and our gifts and expectations. How many Christians have on the whole armor of God or a part of the armor or none of the armor? Is it possible to follow Jesus without the whole armor? Is it possible to be a good witness without the whole armor? In peace there is no controversy, no anger. Instead, there is togetherness, harmony and rest. The gospel shoes of peace are upon the spiritual feet of the follower of Jesus that will do what God has called them to do. Having done all, to stand.

Verse sixteen says, "**Above all, taking the shield of faith.**" There is the word "taking" again. We take the shield of faith. Where is it? How do we take it? Where do we go to get it? Is that something to think about? There was a man who claimed his calling was to test preachers. He said he never found a preacher in his life that he couldn't make angry within three hours. He came to put me to the test. They told me he was coming. I had to have the shield of faith because if you don't have it you get upset. If you don't have the shoes of the gospel that you are to have, you get upset or disturbed. He started in on me and he had a cane. Every once in a while he would lift it up at me and it looked like he was going to strike me. He put me through the test hour after hour. I had to have the

shield of faith. If I hadn't prayed for one to five hours a day, it would have slipped away. If I hadn't obeyed the Holy Spirit, I wouldn't have had the shield of faith. He told me there were five ways to live. I told him, "No, there are only two ways to live. Either we are on the broad way or the narrow way." He said, "No, that's not right. There are five." I said, "No, there are two." He would lift that cane up at me and I would say, "That's the way it is. There are only two but I love you." Love is in faith. He couldn't do much with love. When I told him I loved him he couldn't do much more. We have got to have the faith to believe.

Once, I traveled on a bus a thousand miles to pray with a man. Coming back, I was the last one in the long line of people to get on the bus and the bus driver came and said for those that were Saint Louis bound to load first. I was the last. All ahead of me were men from the service who dated women. As I went to load first I went around a man and he said, "When you get to Saint Louis, love that woman down there for me." I set my suitcase down and held up my Bible and said, "I am a servant of the Most High God." Things got pretty quiet in that crowd of fifteen or twenty people. That's all I said. He said, "You are?" There was nothing more said. So we loaded onto the bus and after so many miles a black brother and his wife boarded and had to sit in the back. We later stopped at a restaurant and when we went in, the white men said, "Do we have to eat with dogs?" So the black couple went out with their heads hung low and went to the back of the bus. I didn't have much money, but I got some sandwiches and took them out to them and because I did a man got after me the next morning and I really had a time. He put me through the works. He said he saw how I had helped the black people. He gave me a hard time because I showed love to these precious people. During this time, the bus driver said to me, "If I were home today, I would be in church with my wife." So he came to my rescue and helped me with my shield. Praise the Lord. I was thankful. If you have never had that experience, you don't know how it feels to be thousands of miles from home, in tests and trials, where nobody knows you. But when

the Lord helps you it gives you strength, grace, blessing and sustaining power to stand.

Above all, take the shield of faith. Where do we take it? At the place of prayer, the place of obedience - that's where we get it. We take the shield of faith only as we obey. If we don't obey we will not have the shield of faith. Obedience is better than sacrifice and hearkening than the fat of rams.

The Lord told me one morning when I was twenty-two that he wanted me to go out to Ed Bush's and pray for him and to take with me my two trustees, Elton Rhodes and Brother Hartman. This was in 1938. When I told Brother Rhodes that God had told me to go and pray for Ed Bush he told me, "No pastor. He has been in the fields since five or six this morning. We can't disturb him." I said, "Well I don't know about that, but the Lord tells me that I am to go and have prayer with him." He said it would not be wise to do that. He had known him for thirty-five years and did not feel it would be good to intrude upon his work. I told him I realized that, too, but that I needed to obey what the Holy Spirit had revealed to me. He tried to tell me I was just a young man. I told him I was young and didn't know much but that all I knew was that God had told me to go.

Taking the shield of faith. How much of a taking of the shield of faith did I have to have in order to withstand? Here was a great, very fine and precious man who knew Ed Bush better than I. But the Lord said to go and pray with him. Finally he said he would get dressed and go with me. I told him I appreciated it. So we went to get Brother Hartman and while we were waiting Brother Rhodes got the scripture, "And the colt is tied." He laughed and he laughed and he laughed sitting there beside me. He said, "I never saw it until now, pastor. I'm sorry, I never saw it. I never got the revelation until now. I got the word from God that "the colt is tied." There I was trying to help a man I didn't know very well and the neighbor thought I would be intruding. How much faith does it take to press through this storm, to do what we are told to do when it looks like it cannot be done?

We got to Ed Bush's and I got out of the car and I was in a hurry. When I got up to the kitchen door Sister Bush saw me coming and she said, "Oh Brother Helm, we are so glad to see you this morning." She was baking cherry pies. She opened the door and said, "Come in. Ed fell out of the haymow this morning and is sitting here with his feet and ankles in a tub of hot water." (If you fall ten feet on cement when you are young you can break the bones in your feet and crush your knees and ankles.) He had fallen out of the haymow and God's mercy spared his life. He never went to church and we were there to have prayer with him. "Take the shield of faith by which you are able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Are your shield and breastplate scarred? Do they show you have been in spiritual battle? "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." (II Cor. 10:4)

Then he said, "**And take the helmet of salvation.**" (verse 17) What is the size and shape of your helmet? It is your protection of the head. He says to take it. How do we? We take the shield and the helmet and the various parts of the spiritual armor and we press on toward the mark. Hallelujah! Your helmet is different than anyone else's and it is made so that nothing can penetrate through it. Put it on and keep it on. And then he said to "**take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Praying always with all prayer...**" (verse 18) After we are well dressed in the Holy Spirit we are to pray with all prayer. I have come far short on this. Have you? It says praying "always." What is praying always? Praying always with all prayer. That is a vast, immense marvel of the implication and condition that is to be in our lives.

Verse eighteen also says, "...and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." It didn't say sinners. It says to pray for all saints. How many places in the Bible do you find that it says to pray for the sinners? I have read the Bible off and on for seventy years or so and there are not many places in the Bible where it says you should pray for the sinners. We

are to pray for the saints. That's where the battle is. Because when the saints get right with God and they are fully dressed and fully obedient, then God will add to that church daily such as should be saved. He will do the adding. We won't have to schedule crusades and revivals to do it. He will do it. The Holy Spirit will do the work. Isn't that great? It is a spiritual fact. We have been trying to do it for two thousand years, but He will do it if we will be what we are supposed to be, fully clad in the spiritual garments and loving everyone in the entire world, as He loves us. He will work through the saints and they will lift Jesus by the harmony that is in their lives.

The saints, you see, are one, just like Jesus and God are one. When the saints become one as God and Jesus are one, then He will draw all men unto Himself. That is when He will do it and that is yet to come. Take the precious spiritual garments and be thankful, be broken and be rejoicing and trusting; loving the Lord our God with all of our heart, with all of our soul, with all of our mind and with all of our strength and loving our neighbor as ourselves, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Praying for all saints.

The Lord has worked in my heart recently concerning the need for much praise, adoration and thanksgiving. Honoring the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, that we may become one as God the Father and Jesus are one. Jesus prayed in the seventeenth chapter of St. John, "I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified. Sanctify them through the truth, thy word is truth. That they may be perfect in one." When the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, that comes by submission and surrender, crying to Him for His work of grace in our hearts, to take from us that which we were born with, this wicked, carnal nature. The carnal nature is what has prevented the church from coming into oneness. Seldom does a body of believers die sufficiently and submit continuously so that He can cleanse us. The Holy Spirit wants to cleanse us. Ephesians 5:27 says, "**That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**"

**It has been the will of God that we may be perfectly cleansed.** If we do not submit to this, we will be reluctant or offended at the truth or His will to be done. There is within man a tremendous weakness to walk in the flesh. We are not aware of it unless the Holy Spirit helps us to break through the barrier in us, where we are able to be persuaded to surrender sufficiently so He can have full preeminence in the heart. The work of the Holy Spirit is what leads us into this area of oneness. For unless we are converted and become as little children, we shall not enter the kingdom of Heaven. Little children don't have ideas or plans. They don't even know what they are. They are completely dependent upon the parent. We in the church are to become completely dependent upon the Holy Spirit, not any idea of our own. St. Paul said, "I die daily." If we do not die sufficiently, our ideas, thoughts and wants take over. Then, when something is spoken that upsets or offends us, we pull back and fail to press on through the barrier in order to become a sanctified and cleansed vessel, meet for Jesus' use.

In my own heart I have to pray, "Oh Lord, here I am. I need to praise thee more and I come so far short in prayer and praise." So He wants us to press into the place of surrender and spiritual cleansing, "...that there be no divisions in the church of Jesus Christ and that we all speak the same thing; that we be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." (I Cor. 1:10) In this are full harmony, joy, great peace, love and glory of God. But whenever we slip back into the carnal, which is constantly wanting to take over in our hearts unless we die daily and obey each leading, we become analytical, wanting and desiring what we want and think to be good. The Holy Spirit wants to find a people who are willing for Jesus to have full preeminence and God's will to be done in them. This is the glorious church.

We know that in Him there is fullness of joy, but the enemy is going about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour, in order to get us into some idea of the flesh. Therefore, we lay aside every sin that would

so easily beset us and prevent us from pressing on into true holiness of heart and the fullness of His presence indwelling. The world, the flesh and the teachings of man are opposed to this. The more we know, the more likely we are to succumb to the flesh and not have the vision of becoming one. This is the perfect will of God, but the flesh is not aware because we are blinded by carnality. We want to do what we think is best and this causes us to be in the flesh rather than in the Holy Spirit. It is a continual work of His love and grace, so be faithful in this area of dying daily. For if we cease to die daily, then we cease to praise Him enough and then we do not have the leading of God's will. Rather, we get our own thoughts, wants and desires. They take over. We think we are in the Spirit, but sometimes we are in the flesh. The need in all churches and all denominations is to review this constantly - morning, noon and night - so that we will not slip into the carnal life, where most all people on earth dwell.

"For it is not by might, nor by power, but it is by the Holy Spirit." (Zechariah 4:6) He is the one who enables us to overcome the weakness of the flesh. **All of us are born with it. It takes over and we are unaware unless there is a voice crying for us to press upward and onward into nothingness, child-likeness and utter dependence.** Our wants and desires may be good things. They come by intelligence and earthly teaching, but it is not of the Holy Ghost. We must be cleansed of these tendencies in order to become as a little child. The process of becoming is in dying and surrendering, obeying and much praising, in order to arrive at the place in Him in true holiness without any ideas of our own so that He can reveal to our heart what the will of the Lord is.

Usually the will of God is not what we think or want. It is the opposite many times of what we would work out in our highest intelligence. As we praise Him, surrender, die and rejoice, and give Him the glory, He is able to bring us into the place of oneness.

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32) When

we find out we have a tendency of drawing back or being offended or hurt, this reveals to us that we are yet carnal and walk as men, rather than the Holy Spirit bringing us to utter dependence as a child. We have to die constantly or carnality slips right back in and takes charge, and though it may be beautiful, it is not the leading of the Holy Spirit.

We thank Him that He is able to present us faultless and blameless before the throne each moment, that we might be in His likeness. "As He is, so are we in this world." (I John 4:17) We are to love one another as He loves us.

Thank you for praying for us. We are very needy. All of us are. We have no righteousness, even when we have done our very best. But as He leads us, we rejoice in what is less or nothing. My daughters used to say to me, "Daddy, why are you so particular about all these little things?" The little things, though seemingly little, are not. The sanctified heart is cautious over the seemingly little things. The carnal heart is just thinking about advantage and getting things accomplished. The Lord is to be the accomplisher and bring us to what He wills so that the world may know that God sent Him into the world to save us through His precious blood. Hallelujah.

In Jesus' precious name and for His glory, thank you, again, for your prayers.

May the Lord strengthen and encourage you today. May He take away any discouragement or hard place and let it be in His hands. Rest upon His promise, fully dressed in Him, trusting Him and rejoicing.

In Jesus' Name,

*Loran W. Helm*

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Rev. Helm wanted the following letters included for your encouragement, giving God all the praise, all the honor and all the glory.

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm,

Just a note to say we love you both. What a wonderful marvel of God's help on Sunday morning; first that you had strength to be in the service – and for the tremendous message God gave through you. I believe there is enough in that one message to help us make it in our walk and on to Heaven. Praise the Lord forever!

May our Lord meet your every need is our prayer. Love, Emory and Marilyn Reece

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm,

It is a joy to remember how much God loves the little birds and how He provides for their needs. In Matt. 6:26, Jesus spoke of the sparrows and how God keeps count of them. There is a song that has these words, "His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me." Over the years God has blessed me with the privilege of allowing the birds to bring a few spiritual lessons, and to illustrate God's care.

At my dry cleaning business, Hildebran Cleaners, Jesus worked in some unusual ways. Our fellowship had formed by revelation in 1976. It was in 1977 that this event happened, and it occurred at the beginning of a Holy Land Pilgrimage. As I sat at my desk, I was feeling a little depressed. All of a sudden a mocking bird flew in the front door that was propped open and lit on the counter. Its eyes sparkled like diamonds. It walked across the front of the counter and turned toward me and was about six feet away. I had taped five of Rev. Helm's sermons inside of the front glass window. The bird flew over to the window and landed on the corner of the sermon, "How to Walk With God." The mocking bird continued to spread its wings as it held on to the sermon and it bent the corner of the upper left side. After a few seconds, the bird flew back to the counter and looked at me for a couple of minutes. Then it appeared that the bird was going to fly toward me. I prayed, "Jesus, let the bird turn and fly out." The bird turned and flew down on the floor near the open door and then it flew out of the door. Now

the reason I prayed that way was because right behind me was a large fan, and I was afraid the bird would fly into it. As soon as the bird flew away, Bro. Carl Odom, from the shoe shop next door, came over to visit and he said, "I saw a mocking bird fly out of your front door!" So I shared with him what had happened.

In about an hour, Rev. Steven Zimmerman, who was the pastor of our fellowship at that time, came into the cleaners. As he walked in his face changed and he said, "What has happened in this place?" He looked at the sermons and asked, "What has bent the corner of this sermon?" I shared with him the story of what had happened earlier.

God can use a little bird to encourage us, as we desire to do His will. Our God is a God who sends what is needed for the moment. May God add His blessing to this little sharing. We love you all! In Jesus' Name, Chaplain Charles A. Deal

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm,

I am praying for you regularly. Sometimes God brings you especially to my heart for more earnest prayer.

Thank you for your life of faithfulness. Your lives and message have been a great blessing to my family and me and to the world in this last age. To know God, to wait upon Him in trust and love, to be delivered of the carnal nature and to follow Him into his will and purposes – this is the message.

We are endeavoring at Scott Depot to come to a true knowing of our dear Savior and, out of that intimate fellowship, to have life and love and guidance and power to do only His will for His glory.

May God bless you this day in a special way. May He strengthen you, encourage you, heal and deliver you. May He lift you to a wonderful place in His divine love and care. Yours in Christ. Rod, Marlene and Timothy John Taylor

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm,

I pray that the Lord will continue to provide all your needs, send help and healing, and joy without measure.

The impact of your ministry in the lives of my family cannot be put adequately into words. My mother was attending a little church in Nolanville, Texas, where Rev. Frances Workman began preaching. Rev. Reece came for revival and the Holy Spirit changed all of our lives when we were introduced to Revival For Our Day! We are still good friends with Adalene (Workman) Anders. It would take volumes to tell of all that Jesus has done, but I wanted you to know that we (my entire family) feel so blessed that we came upon men who walk with God. We had been in "the church" all our lives, but we didn't know anything about self-denial or obeying the Holy Spirit. It was as if a great void were filled in our hearts.

We feel so honored and humbled that God would bring Rev. Workman, Rev. Reece and Rev. Pumphrey our way. I myself feel to be so "nothing" in God's eyes, and fall so short of His will, and often wonder, "Why me?" I'm a "cracked vessel" for sure, with many faults and shortcomings, but my heart yearns to be all that God wants me to be and do what He wants me to do.

Thank you for writing "The Voice in The Wilderness," and your constant encouragement to "press toward the mark," in word and in deed. At one of the Waitings in the early 1970's, my mother met Mrs. Helm leaving a meeting, and asked her to place her palms facing my mother's palms. Mother said the Holy Spirit went through her like nothing she felt before, and although she was already an accomplished pianist, she felt as if she'd been touched in some way! Mother was so thrilled. As soon as we got back to Texas, she played the piano for us, and her playing had been transformed in a way that is hard to describe, except anointed!

We would like for you to know that you are

special to us. Your life and ministry touched the lives of my mother, Joyce Gibson, her four daughters (myself included), our six children, two sons-in-law, one daughter-law, and one grandson (mine). Thank you Jesus for their sacrifice, their love, their perseverance, their obedience, their faithfulness, and their trust. I pray you will give them in this life, blessings overflowing, pressed down and running over, and in the life to come, blessed peace in the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who is coming soon! Until He Comes, Gail Smith

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Helm,

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. I remember when I first came into this ministry. Often I could not tell when the anointing in an R.F.O.D. service was apparent. But as I have been exposed more to your ministry and message, I have been able to tell when God is in the place more and more. I praise God for the work He is doing in my heart.

I am holding on to God for finances in your ministry and for your physical needs. God's grace be with you. Richard Sanchez

### **REMINDER**

In just a few days, on May 27th, Rev. and Mrs. Helm will celebrate sixty-four years together. We thought you might like to send a card or note of your appreciation to them for their lives, and for what they have meant through these years of endeavoring to walk with God. Many of our lives have been wonderfully and miraculously changed because of their obedience to God's will.

Please send your cards, greetings and remembrances to their Parker City address:

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# *Revival For Our Day*

June 1998

Dear Ones in Jesus,

We are grateful for each of you, and thankful for all of your prayers and supplications for us and for your financial assistance and sacrifice. We are very grateful to all of our dear ones that assist us, for the staff that has worked so hard to help us, for Harmony Press, and for Stephen and Michelle Carpenter who have worked to help us with the newsletters and by praying for us. We are very grateful for all those that have labored and carried the burden for us. We are most in debt to Jesus and grateful to God for it.

I wanted to share with you the message that the Lord gave me recently one Sunday morning at Margate Church of the Nazarene in Florida.

Turn in your Bibles to Ephesians 5:27 and connect that to I Thessalonians 4:3 where He says, **“This is the will of God, even your sanctification.”** Ephesians 5:27 says, **“That He might present unto Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish.”** That He might — He didn’t say He would or He could. He said that He **might** present unto Himself a glorious church. This glorious church is a sanctified church. Jesus said, “I sanctify myself that you may be sanctified through the truth.” We are saved by the blood. We are sanctified through the truth of Jesus Christ — “through” the truth, not “by” it. “Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth. That they all may be one as God and Jesus are one. That they may be made perfect in one.” (John 17:17,21,23) This is why we are to be sanctified. You see, His church is a sanctified church. It is without spot, without blemish. It is holy. If there is anything in our life that is not pure, we defile the temple of God.

The glorious church does not have one tinge of self-want in it. The glorious church does not possess one idea of the carnal mind. The

glorious church does not possess one idea that is not inspired and led by God. The glorious church is a church of great peace, rest, joy, care and compassion. The glorious church is full of compassion. The glorious church has never had nor ever will have a spirit of judging people. Did you know that the normal man or woman, if they are not careful, a few hours after they have gotten up in the morning will be judging somebody? It is a natural inclination for us to judge somebody. This cannot be in the glorious church. It is the opposite. But we will do it before we know it unless we are sanctified. How are we sanctified? Through the truth. Jesus Christ is the truth and we are sanctified through the truth. Many people, thousands or millions of people, go to be sanctified, but if we are not clear with our fellow men, if we have not taken time to make all of our restitutions, we will never be sanctified. We may pray up to a blessing and be happy, but sanctification is more than blessing and more than happiness. It is a reality of an inner possession, an inner dominance, an occupation of God in Christ Jesus when He lives and moves and has His being within us, that they see Christ in you, the hope of glory.

“That He might present to Himself a glorious church.” This should be preached about every Sunday because if we do not become the glorious church, do you know what we are? We are handicapped. If we are not the glorious church we are a stumbling block. One evangelist said that if we are not really doing God’s will in the church, we are doing more harm than the saloons. How true is that? If we are not doing God’s will, following Him and becoming what He would have us to become, to be like Him... “Beloved, now are we the sons of God; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be. But we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.” (I John 3:2) We are like Him: tender, gentle, compassionate, taking time for the poor and the needy, the orphans and widows. A glorious church. The glory of God is in the

church of the sanctified hearts. They have forsaken sin. They despise sin. They know that they want to be a holy people.

The glorious church is childlike. It is dependent upon the Lord as a little eighteen month old child is on its mother. Think about what I just said. How long will it take us to comprehend that statement? How long will it take us to comprehend what it means to be as dependent on God, on Jesus, on the Holy Spirit, as a little eighteen month old child is upon its mother and father? How long does it take to become like that? A medical doctor once said that it is much easier to become a medical doctor than it is to become like a little child. It takes more study, more humility, more submission and more commitment to let Him have charge of us, to speak what we should speak at the moment it should be spoken, like He would speak it.

I started praying in 1938 that the Lord would somehow cleanse my heart and get out of me all this wickedness, all this fleshly life, so that He could speak through me what He would say if He were here. I had never heard tell of that before, but it was in my heart to say, "Jesus, help my heart. I am an awful needy person. Prepare it so that I can speak just what you would say if you were here." We praise Him. I have used my voice for over seventy years. My mother had me singing when I was very young. She taught me how to sing and my father kept me "in tune". There had to be a lot of "tuning". How do we get "out of tune"? How do we get "in tune"? What does being "in tune" mean?

They say that only one in every few hundred thousand has perfect pitch. It is rare that any man or woman has perfect pitch. You can tell a person who has perfect pitch to sound middle C and they will hum and be right on it. Any flat or sharp on the scales can be sounded perfectly by someone with perfect pitch without the help of an instrument. "That He might present to Himself a glorious church." The glorious church is in perfect pitch with His will, with His desire. We do not belong to ourselves. We have

been bought with a price. I confess I pray too little. I read too little. I come so far short.

Witnessing, saying only the things we are supposed to say, maybe just a sentence. It may be two sentences. Let them be measured of His truth, of His will, seasoned by His grace, so that He may have a glorious church. This glorious church is filled with His holiness, His virtue, His truth and His love. "Love divine all loves excelling. Joy of Heaven to earth come down. Fix in us thy humble dwelling. All thy faithful mercies crown." His glorious church is filled with care and humility. Everyone in the glorious church is humble. They all prefer one another. They never find fault. The glorious church can't have one iota of fault finding. The glorious church never, never sees the weaknesses of others. They give that to God.

The glorious church is a sparkling church. It is a glowing church, a lighted church. The glorious church is where two persons are full of obeying God continually. It is persons who obey the leading of the Lord and the Word of the Lord. The glorious church is filled with always doing as God would lead. If He says stop, we stop. If He says go, we go. If He says to go over here at a certain place, we go over there.

When our twins were eleven years old, we passed by a photography studio as we were going down the street. We were going along fine and all at once I got word from God. He said, "Go in and get your picture taken here." My twins said, "Daddy, we can't. We don't look right to have a picture taken." I said, "We don't go by looks. We go by faith." They said, "We're not dressed for it." How do you dress for a picture? Do you think you have to dress up for a picture? It's better to get the picture the way we are, isn't it? How would you be if your picture were taken while you are walking down the street? Well, the twins said, "Daddy, we can't get our picture taken." I said, "Yes we are." I sure would not have chosen to get our picture taken right off the street. But it wasn't my choice.

Well, we went in off the street and had our picture taken. We got in the photography room and I found out we weren't there for the picture — we were there for the photographer. We were there to love him and to care for him. He was discouraged, disappointed. So many people are hurt and disappointed but they don't tell anybody about it. Unless the Holy Spirit helps us, we couldn't help them anyhow. We would do more damage than good. With the very best knowledge we would say the wrong thing, meaning well. But unless the Holy Spirit speaks it, it's kind of like thorns pricking the flesh, making it bleed. When He does it, the healing Balm of Gilead trickles like a fountain from the mind of God, the state of the Holy Spirit's presence, and lets us rest amidst the storm and trouble, test and loneliness and gives us rest, joy, peace, romance, thrills and adventure in the midst of the place of desolation, loneliness and misunderstanding.

Everybody takes a picture of you in his or her mind as you travel along your journey. Yes, they have a picture of you, of me. It's whether we are thoughtful of others. How thoughtful are you of others? How thoughtful am I? Am I thoughtful of this person here who is having a struggle or has a wounded heart?

"The joy of the Lord is our strength." (Nehemiah 8:10) You see, the glorious church is a church of great joy. It is full of joy. Some people look so glum. We look like we are; we can't look like we are not. How do we look? You look at yourself and say, "Do I look like that? I never knew I looked like that." Sometimes we don't see what we are like. How are you looking? Are you looking wholesome? Do you look like you care? Are you looking like you really want and desire to help everybody? Do you look like that? Do you live like that? Do I live like that? The glorious church is like that. "It's just like Jesus to roll the clouds away. It's just like Jesus to keep me day by day." There are twenty-four hours in a day and every hour is lent to us. It is whether or not we appreciate what we have. Do we appreciate what we have?

Another time I had come home for a visit and I wanted to see my friends Howard, Bill and Thomas. I had not seen them for a while because I had been out on the parish miles away. I came in and here was my little brother Edwin. He said, "You are going to play checkers with me." I said, "What?" He said, "Yeah. You are going to play checkers with me." I am not a checker player. I don't care about checkers. I don't care about games. But he cared for me to care. The glorious church always bends to whatever the wind blows. You just bend right over to try to help whoever you are with. So my plans went out the window and I sat down to play a game of checkers that I hadn't planned on and while we were playing he met Jesus. I was privileged to lead my brother Edwin to Jesus when he was twelve years of age.

I want you to know the glorious church doesn't have any plans. The glorious church doesn't have any programs. Does the glorious church ever make any arrangements? If they don't arrange and make plans, who holds the beautiful ledger? What is the plan? You know, all flesh wants to plan, wants to arrange, wants to get it all lined up. You see, the glorious church has no arrangement and no planning whatsoever. It goes second by second, breath by breath. (Now that is worth this morning's sermon. I confess I don't know how to preach. I've tried for sixty-six years and I don't know how. I'm just in the beginning.)

"That He might present to Himself a glorious church." He would, if we would will to do it, make this glorious church so great that it would win all the people of the community in minutes. John 12:32 says, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me." How many is all men? Jesus said, "If I be lifted up." By whom? By a glorious church. Cruel hands put him on the tree and lifted him up. The sweet gentle touch of the glorious church, not having any spot or any wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish — that's the body that lifts Him up. Where are they living? Where are they dwelling? Where is their camp? Who

are they? The glorious church, never seeking their own, just letting Him lead on and make the program and arrange the plan.

I told my wife we were going to Winchester to eat at the Legacy Restaurant. She was dead set on it. I was too, but I got higher orders. He said to change the plan. She said, "What?" I said, "We're not going there." She said, "Why not?" I said, "I just got higher orders. We are going to the hospital." She said, "We are? I thought we were going to the Legacy." I said, "No, it just got changed. We've got to go to the hospital and have prayer with someone there. Then we'll go to the restaurant in the Hotel Roberts." Everything was changed just like that. I hadn't anything to do with it. Does it disturb people? Indeed it does. It upsets everyone who is not in the glorious church. It upsets every carnal idea. It upsets the whole works. Just when we think it's one way, He just changes it all around. The glorious church doesn't have anything that instigates or guides it. He is the head and He takes care of the arrangements and it comes instantly when we least expect it. It comes when we are not thinking that we are going to do that at all. Please obey the Holy Spirit. God has been trying to find a people ever since Adam and Eve made the choice. He has been trying to find a people ever since that would do only His will and maintain spiritual balance, not in fanaticism or radicalism. There are groups that say, "We are it. We've got it." But they have missed it a long way. Any one group that thinks they have the whole works is in reverse. Because we don't know. He knows, but we don't. I don't.

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me." We are to be a sanctified people, through the truth, through Jesus Christ. And He said, "Sanctify them through the truth, that they be made perfect in one." The glorious church is perfect in one. There is no dictatorship in the glorious church. There is no one that leads it, but the Holy Spirit. Who can He lead? Who is it that He is going to lead? "For as many as are led by the Holy Spirit, they are the sons of God." (Romans 8:14) Who are they that

He is going to lead? Where are they? How does God lead? He leads differently than any man ever dreamed or ever thought. We may know all the theology, all exegesis and homiletics, we may know the Bible by heart from Genesis to Revelation, and yet He wants to lead us, but we have our own idea, our own thought, and our own method. You see, there are no set methods in this. We try to have churches with wonderful people. They can sing well, pray loud and testify well, but do we step as He leads us to walk? How many steps do you take without His leading? How many steps do you make on this journey without His indwelling? What determines it? What controls it?

There is not any selfishness in the glorious church. There isn't any self-assertiveness. There is no pushing in the glorious church. There is not any set rule that you have to do this or do that. He always changes things and folks think, "Well how can that be?" Well, it's His. We are His, not our own. The glorious church. Oh, what a light. It is full of light. There is no darkness in it at all — not one little tinge of darkness. Did you ever try to put a tinge of darkness in a light? How do you get it in there? This glorious church is without all darkness, all untruth, all affectation (which is put on or make believe). That is not in the glorious church. The glorious church is real. It's sweet. It's kind. It's gentle. In fact, when you get in the glorious church, you don't want to go home. You don't ever want it to end.

In the restaurant we went to last Wednesday night for our sixty-fourth wedding anniversary, we thought, "How could it be better tomorrow?" And the next day was so good that we didn't want to change it. Jesus did it. And the next day again. And the next day again. And the next day. He never runs out. It is so wonderful. It is in my heart. I wish I could get out of my heart what's in there. But I don't know how to praise Him enough for how He leads in restaurants with waiters and waitresses and guides and directs and helps us to be on time. It's by His mercies, by His grace. For without His grace and without His mercy we are wanderers or figurers. You know, He

didn't call us to be figurers, He called us to be followers. But most all people are figurers — "Let's pull the fire down on them since they don't believe." "I'd like for you to get me in on the right hand and put him on the left hand." "Let's find out who is the greatest among us." This is as far from the church of Jesus Christ and the glorious church as the North Pole is from the South. Or a little farther. There is a distance. It's much farther.

No one enters the glorious church except through the blood of Jesus Christ. It's by humility. It's by prayer. It's by submission. It's by leaving all. You see, if we don't leave all we can't get in the glorious church. They say on television to just accept Jesus, confess your sins and believe that He rose from the dead and you have eternal life, not telling us that we are to leave all. Jesus said in Luke 14:33, "Unless we forsake all we cannot be His disciple." He also said, "Unless we are converted and become like little children we will not enter the kingdom of Heaven." (Matt. 18:3) That's the glorious church. The glorious church is utterly dependant upon Him. They don't run anything. They just follow. But we want to figure this and we figure that. Figuring is full of plans and arrangements. Following takes a lot of dying. It requires death from beginning to end.

"...not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing..." **The glorious church does not have any spots.** When we are converted we get our linens of His holiness. Every time we obey God there is another stitch and it is all made to fit us, and it's all white, pure white. And with everything He tells us to do, our garments are being fit on us and being sewn on us unknown, unseen, unaware. Sometimes my clothes will get a spot on them. It bothers me. What is a spot? It is something that doesn't belong there. Spots try to get there. Spots don't look good. They are unattractive and ruin the whole garment. Then it has to go to the cleaner. They better have the right solution or it may be worse than it was. It may shrink it up until we can't get it on. Is what you are wearing shrunk up or is it too large?

How do we get into spots? How do spots get into us? Everywhere we go there is something trying to spot us. Do spots move or do we move to them? That's about worth the whole morning, if we can perceive it, if we can get it into our heart. That touches me. What are spots made up of? What is in spots that spot us? There are all kinds of spots loose in the earth all around us and they are working hard to get us spotted. The glorious church is without spot. What does that mean? It means there aren't any in the glorious church. There are in the professed church. It is just spotted all over. In fact, the professed church is so full of spots you can't see where there aren't any spots.

Since I was twenty-five years of age I have said I believe I need prayer more than anybody I know on earth. Now here I am in my eighty-third year and I have never changed my mind. I know that I am awfully needy. The longer I live, the more needy I sense myself to be. So needy. Whether I am in a grocery store or in a restaurant or with my wife or children or great grand children, or my friends or the people who don't understand me. The glorious church loves everybody. The ones that don't understand us, we love just like our friends. Everyone in the glorious church loves everyone alike without respect of persons. Because if we have respect of persons we do what? Commit sin. This way is straight and it's narrow. And He told me in 1933, only a few find it — that was the revelation God gave me. He called me seventy-six years ago in my heart and told me I belonged to Him, but then He began to reveal to me my nothingness.

Socrates went every morning and went all over Greece for forty or fifty years. He interviewed many scholars and many common people. (The common people can teach us more sometimes than we can even handle in our cups.) Socrates talked to this one and he talked to that one and everyone he talked to for forty years approximately was "somebody". He never found one person that found out they were nothing. "For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself."

(Gal. 6:3) Therefore, we walk in deception. The self-assertive life, the self-planned life, the self-obtained life is living in deception. He never found one in all of Greece that found out they were nothing. God taught him that he was nothing. He said he never violated the inner voice. What God told him to do, he did. He went only as God led him and finally they poisoned him. Anyone who will do God's will they will poison. And not just with a poisonous substance. There are a lot of substitutes. It's flying in all directions. And it lands like fowls of the air devouring.

**The glorious church doesn't have any wrinkles.** A wrinkle is two banks with a gully in it. My trousers got wrinkled the other day so I got something to press them. I got the iron real hot. (Whenever you press something, you want to make sure you have something between the iron and the garment. If you don't, you'll wish you had. Experience is a wonderful teacher but it is expensive. A lot of people say experience is the best teacher. No, counsel is better. It is much better than going through hard and expensive things learning.)

"That He might present to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle." How do we get the wrinkles out? How did we get them in the first place? The glorious church is without spot and without wrinkle. A wrinkle comes by pressure. There is no wrinkle unless there is pressure. This world is full of pressure. All carnality is full of pressure. Ideas are full of pressure. Our thoughts, before we know it, will press us and we are wrinkled. And we are not aware of it. How do we see a wrinkle? Is a wrinkle obvious, easily seen or disturbing? A wrinkle is unpleasant to look at. If we are not careful, all carnality presses constantly to put wrinkles in us.

"Without spot or wrinkle, **or any such thing.**" Now where is that? Let's take a walk through there — what is any such thing? Where does that end — many things, a lot of things, earthly things, carnal things, things of man's arrangement. He said, "... or any such thing." It is a vast immensity.

"...but that it should be holy and without blemish." **Spots come from without, blemishes come from within.** The blemish comes from the inside out. It is a condition of the blood, or the constitution of our diet, or of our choices. Our choices bring out blemishes if that choice isn't instigated in Christ, in God, in the Holy Ghost. That it be without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish. It **should** be holy. What is that? That means only God in it, only God creating it, only God being the author of it, only God bringing it forth as little flowers in a garden that bloom with radiance, perfume and aroma of helpfulness and compassion, with great care and tenderness. "That He might present unto Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish." See, if we don't become the glorious church, what are we? What is going to be the conclusion, the aftermath? What is going to take place in judgment if we haven't become the glorious church? What is the cost of not becoming the glorious church? Had you ever thought about that? How many times since creation has there been a glorious church?

When Jesus was here He was absolutely perfect. He knew what was in every man. He knew his potential, his wants in his heart. We try to conceal them, but they are not concealed. They are not covered. They are revealed. He knows them all. It is a serious thing.

What are blemishes? How do they hurt? Do they hurt the person who has them or do they hurt the persons that surround the blemished one? We do not know the blemishes we have. We do not see our own, only by revelation. "This is the will of God, even your sanctification." "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge this thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? (I Kings 3:9) Then Isaiah 11:3 says, "And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes..."

How long does this message have to be cried before it becomes? Jesus was the perfect voice, the perfect will of God, but who heard Him? Who heard Jesus? Praise the Lord, a few heard Him. How do we hear His voice? How do we follow? How do we become the glorious church? This is just a sermon, but when I cease will it be over? When I cease will it be ended? When I finish the message will it be closed? How long are you going to hold onto this message? How long are you going to cherish it? How long are you going to keep it? Where are you going to keep it anyhow, so it will be kept? "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it comes the issues of this life." Where are you going to keep this message? Who is going to understand it? How much education does it require to understand this message? Or how little must we become in order to perceive it? The more learning we have the more likely we will not hear it. We will hear what we know. This is worth the whole time. What we know is what we hear. Sometimes that is all we can hear — what we know, what we think, what we choose. We choose what we are, and we are by His mercies as we have been broken and covered by His precious blood continually, that we may have clean hands and a pure heart, not lifting up our heart unto vanity nor swearing deceitfully.

What is the responsibility of the churches when they come to the judgment and we have had programs and ideas, beautiful thoughts and didn't know what God's will was for sure. What is it going to mean in judgment when we come in and give an account of all we have said and done and thought? You say, "Well that kind of brings a fear on me." Proverbs 9:10 says, "The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom." Don't fear things, fear God.

These are just tremendous words but they will be words that are actually lived as you take time to be holy, as I take time to be holy and let Him lead us. Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Glory! Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit! Thank you Jesus! Thank you for the blood. Thank you for the way through the Holy Spirit. Thank you for

the revelation. Thank you for your Word, a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Thank you that thou art mighty to deliver the godly out of temptation. Thank you for delivering us constantly moment by moment out of temptations that are trying to prevent us from becoming the glorious church, which thee wills to be through thy grace, Holy Spirit, and blood of Jesus, the Lamb that takes away the sins of the world. Amen.

Would you close your eyes a moment? Would you bow your heads a moment please? How much do you desire to be actually, truly in the glorious church? Not a church, but the glorious church of God? Have you asked Jesus to come into your heart? How long did He stay when He came in? How long does Jesus stay in our hearts when He comes in? Can He live in our hearts with disobedience in our lives? Can Jesus live in our hearts if we make the plans? Can He? Can Jesus stay in our hearts if we have the reigns? Can He?

Since the days of the apostles and Jesus' ascension man has made a choice either to be in a church or to forsake all, to leave all and to become nothing that we might be in the glorious church. Look at your heart. My heart is needy. How is your heart? How was it before the sermon began? What change has come in your heart in the last fifty minutes? What change has been in my heart? Are we going to follow Him or figure and work it out? Somewhat or altogether or let Him design it entirely? "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." (Psalm 119:11) "Let the words of our mouth and the meditations of our heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord our strength and our redeemer." (Psalm 19:14) Do we have thoughts and meditations in our heart that grieve God, or aspirations that disappoint Him or is He pleased with you? Is He pleased with me? In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

*Loran W. Helm*  
Loran W. Helm

Rev. Helm wanted the following letters included for your encouragement, giving God all the praise, glory and honor.

Dear Rev. Helm and Florence,

I'm writing wanting to thank you for the many love gifts of finance, as well as the sweet Holy Ghost fellowship we have shared. I've enjoyed the many times out to dinner as well. This has all been part of a tremendous spiritual journey. We want to thank Jesus for the "manna" from Heaven you have shared with us from the pulpit as well as the living room and newsletters.

In Jesus' name,  
Tyler and Rebecca Garth

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm,

Blessed be the name of the Lord who daily loadeth us with benefits. Let us praise Him in the land of the living; let all that hath breath praise the name of the Lord, our great intercessor. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

These past twenty-two plus years have been the richest in our lives because of the precepts you taught us. How can we praise Jesus enough for the insights, secrets of the kingdom of God, and courtesies you have shown us! We are like misers playing among our heaps of golden coins when we review all that Jesus has done for us through your ministry. Your teachings about the witness of the Holy Spirit and how to walk with God have been greater than a Master's degree in Theology. And now, we are trying to live out the message so that others may get in on it. Sometimes we long for others to have the benefits we have had in sitting at the feet of an apostle and messenger.

We still savor that last time you came to meet with our little flock in Plymouth, IN. It was a highlight of the first year of this infant ministry. Your desire for a Great Awakening has become our desire, but we know it will come in God's time, at His

appointed hour, as we remain faithful at the foot of the cross.

I shall not forget the time you prayed for my healing through your newsletter, both in the sinus area and the prostate. I read the newsletter one day and was healed in the first area right away. I stuck the paper down in the side of my overstuffed chair and pulled it out a couple of weeks later and was healed in the prostate area from you prayer within its pages.

May the Lord lift you up to heavenly places in Christ Jesus, and may your blessings outrun you and overtake you, and may the bread you cast upon the waters ten, twenty, thirty (it touches me on thirty) years ago begin to bring forth fruit an hundred fold.

Your brother and sister in the Lord,  
Tony and Mary Wood

10/11/95

Dear One who is attempting to follow God in all things, Brother Helm,

All praise, honor and glory to God Almighty, who is, and was, and ever shall be! Hallelujah!

It is late tonight after the wonderful Tuesday evening service at Parker City Christ Fellowship. I want to tell you that I believe that tonight's service was among the top two or three services I have ever been a part of in my life!!! The music was marvelous and more. Your exhortations were "right on", the message from God's Word on the "Three Types of People" was outstanding...God really helped you. It was the clearest and most urgent of messages I think I have ever felt. I tried hard to get it in my heart and by God's grace keep it there. All I can say is "thank you" dear servant of the Most High God for being so honest and loving with us, yet with a strong sense of absolute urgency. I would not have wanted to miss the service for anything.

This morning, early, as I was praying for you and the Tuesday night service the Holy

Spirit told me that if I would press to be at the Tuesday night service at 7:00 p.m. I would get much help. I looked forward to the service all day and prayed often for you and the service. You called on me for one of the opening prayers, along with Bro. Reese and Bro. Mann. Then, by God's grace, and I give Him all the glory and praise, you began leading us down a path into the presence of God and His wonderful lessons to be learned. It was so wonderful how God led you tonight. I was more awake and excited and strengthened when the three hour and forty-five minute service was over than I was when it began. Only the Holy Spirit could grant us such a service. I want to be thankful, very thankful for the service tonight!

May God continue to grant you strength, health, and revelation from the Throne of God. You are loved. I don't want to fail you in any way Bro. Helm. Any message, desire, or leading you may have for me, please let me know. I owe you so much and want to share the message God has laid on your heart for the church. It too has been my burden for years but I did not know exactly what it was or how to identify what I was feeling until God got me to you. I am thankful!!

Appreciatively, Ronald K. Wine

P.S. Oh yes...Sister Helm, thank you for the magnificent music you are sharing with us...oh, what a blessing! Thank you!

11/14/55

To whom it may concern:

Tonight has been the concluding service of our present revival. It has been my privilege to have been pastor here for my fourth year. It is the fifth time Rev. Loran Helm of Parker, Indiana has been our evangelist here at St. Luke's in Waco, Texas. I can say that this is our fifth time together here, four regular revivals, and one five-night of preaching services, that God visited in a manner that proved His seal upon the ministry of Bro. Helm. There were seven experiences of repentance unto the conversion experience, several outstanding cases of divine healing in answer to prayer, and 23 pledged and covenanted to begin family altars. Total souls saved in the four revivals: 47 souls. The general tone of the meeting was a spiritual revival and the depth, magnitude and results of this meeting are yet to be seen. My personal and warmest recommendation of Bro. Loran Helm is always a privilege.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Brother Homer Pumphrey

## WRITTEN BY REVEREND LORAN W. HELM

**“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of a good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” (Philippians 4:8)**

We know that we are to cast all of our burdens upon Jesus. We are not to dwell on any disappointments, hurts, past wounds or past negative experiences. If we dwell on any of these things, we violate the precious law of faith that God wants us to live by. I Peter 5:7 says, “Casting all your care upon him; for He careth for you.” We must at all times resist Satan and the thoughts of failure or what has not been that should have been, or what we thought ought to be. We are to cast that over upon the Lord. An old song says, “Take your burdens to the Lord and leave them there.” If we were to take up any of these burdens – such as disappointments or hurts or self-guilt, or thinking that we can’t do this or that, or we ought to do this or that – if we take any of these upon ourselves, it is devastating to the soul, and to the mind, as well as being hurtful to the body. Satan tries to get us to dwell on these, but it is a trick to devastate us and to destroy us. The Lord says we are to trust in Him with all of our heart and not lean to our own understanding. If we lean to what the negative thoughts lead us to, then it brings us to nothing, to hurt, to nervous collapse, to a dark place. We must not hold on to it, but give it over to the Lord whether we can understand it or not. Satan tries to get us to dwell upon that which has not come to pass which we thought ought to be. And if the enemy can get us to dwell on that, it simply brings us to unhappiness, to sorrow and despair. But if we let loose of it and put it in the hands of the Lord by faith, in due season we will reap if we faint not. Galatians 6:9 says: “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

When our heart and mind want to do God’s will, we cannot dwell on anything that is negative, hurtful or despairing. We cannot dwell on that for even one second, because if we do, it will crush us to death. We have to let loose of it and keep our minds upon the Lord. God’s Word says: “Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” (I Thess. 5:16-18) We are not to try to analyze or ask why or figure it out, but we are to commit everything over to the Lord regardless of how devastating it looks. When we cast everything upon Him, then we are released through prayer. I told Mrs. Black years ago, “If you will get into a room and just start praising the Lord and say: ‘Praise the Lord, Glory, Hallelujah, Adoration, Holiness, Righteousness, Purity, Thank You, Jesus!’, then the Holy Spirit will drive the darkness and despair out of your heart and body and mind.” When I returned in five or six weeks she said, “Reverend Helm, this really works!” She had been at Taylor University where her husband had graduated, but somehow Satan had robbed her and was trying to keep her mind on the things that were defeating her. When we commit it to Jesus and take the burden to Him, we don’t want to pick it up again. Our flesh wants to get hold of it, but we aren’t to dwell upon that. We are to dwell upon the good things. “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee.” (Isaiah 26:3) We are to keep our mind there at all times. Then in due season, through the faith delivered of our fathers (which God gave the saints), He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think according to the power that worketh in us. The power works in us as we believe and follow Him, not allowing the devil to harass and accuse us. The Bible says he is the accuser of the brethren. We can’t listen to him, but keep our mind upon that which is upright and good and helpful and strengthening. We cannot dwell upon the negative.

We have to review this over and over and over, day after day, many times a day; especially when we are in a struggle or trial, in a lonely place, or in a hurtful situation. We have to review it, or Satan will rob us of the victory. We regain the victory immediately when we say, “Get behind me, Satan. I am going to trust Jesus. I am not going to lean upon my own understanding. I am not going to dwell upon the things that have hurt me, disappointed me, crushed me or wounded me. I am not going to do it. By the grace of God I am going to keep my mind upon Jesus in praise and adoration and thanksgiving.” And He will surely bring you out if you will trust and never doubt. Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. This is helpful to all the peoples of the church. It is not just for one or a select few, but for whosoever will. We praise Him, knowing that He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him against that day. He is able to change even that which seems to be impossible as we trust and never doubt. Just keep praising Him for what He is doing, and for what He will do. The Lord gives deliverance to those who will follow these instructions. We have to go over them constantly, or Satan will steal them from us. The enemy will take them away, but we must hold fast to the promise, for nothing is too hard for the Lord! God told Sarah that. She laughed and thought it wasn’t possible. All things are possible with God as we trust and believe, keeping our mind upon the good things. The Lord is able to help us at all times and in all situations for His glory and praise. When we rely on Him, it relieves the mind, and relieves the pressures upon the body. Praise the Lord.

**READ 3 TIMES A WEEK FOR A TIME**

**THIS WILL HELP ALL WHO WANT TO DO GOD’S WILL**

# *Revival For Our Day*

August 1998

Dear Ones in Christ Jesus,

Greetings in His holy name, as we press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. The battle has been severe and the enemy has fought, but we know that "God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us." (Ephesians 3:20)

We are so in debt to God for all of His love and care and for each of you who have prayed earnestly for our needs, for our anointing, healing and deliverance.

Mrs. Helm and I want to thank each of you for the birthday cards, flowers, gifts and all of the times that you have remembered us over and over.

It seems to me that we are in the greatest need that we have been in for many years. I remember an old saint years ago that said that, after he had walked with God for more than fifty years, the enemy was fighting so much more than in previous times. I have had the same experience and found it to be so.

We want to thank you for the burden that you have carried for us in the soul, the mind and the body. We are thankful for how the Lord has heard your prayers and trust that He will help as you pray for our finances. Please continue to pray for us in this specific area. We would be in debt to the Lord and to you for this mercy, help and blessing in prayer for this need.

I also want to express that if any of you feel that I have failed anyone or have come short, please forgive me. II Chronicles 7:14 says that God's people are to humble themselves. So if I have failed, I ask your forgiveness. I know I pray too little and come far short.

In the second chapter Mark' gospel we learn of a tremendous experience of the paralytic as the "faithful four" carry him to Jesus.

These four men had gone to the home of a paralytic and it surprised the family of this precious man that these four wonderful men would have the courage and the vision to help the paralytic. These faithful four had enough vision to be able to see that if they could get him to Jesus that he would no longer be a paralytic. He would no longer be incapacitated in his present state. He would be well. They had the vision. Here this man was in the presence of the faithful four. They said, "We are going to carry you today to Jesus."

When they arrived at the house where Jesus was, it was so full of people that no one could get through the door. But they were not looking to the difficulty ahead of them, but were looking instead to the love they had for this paralytic who had not been well for some time. I do not know the amount of time this man may have suffered, but these men of real vision were here to carry him. Wouldn't it have been something to look into the hearts of his family to see their gratitude and their thanksgiving for four faithful persons that had this vision?

They were not only four men of vision; they were men of love, faithfulness and care. They had great and wonderful care, such that it drove them to the very place of concern. We see four men of concern as well as vision. They were also four men of courage. They had great courage. Not only did they have great courage but also they were four men of perseverance. They were going to persevere together — four men carrying this man on a bed that had to be carried level, because if our corner is down due to disobedience, we lose the very burden that we want to bring to Jesus.

They were four men of carefulness. Here they were bringing this dear one to Jesus and they were ready to leave with him that wonderful day because they were men that saw Jesus in the light of His glory, power and holiness. They saw Him in this light, as savior, redeemer, healer and restorer. So they brought this sick brother they all loved to

watch their step separately and to hold to the vision of their goal.

They arrived at the place where Jesus was but they could not see Him because of the crowd. But these four faithful, loving, caring, cautious, persevering, trusting, obedient, lifting men did not allow the walls of the building to prevent them from getting their loved one to Jesus. There are so many things that prevent us from getting our loved ones to Him.

So they went up on top where they scaled the house. These were four men of cooperation. They had to work hard together to get him up there and not lose him. Sometimes when we are the closest to Jesus we can lose those we are bringing to Him if we aren't very careful and if we aren't aware of the circumstances and condition we are in. These four men were very attentive.

There is quite a bit in this, a little story of truth about bringing a loved one to Jesus. They had to scale the building. They had to really keep him on the level because some had to bow down and some had to lift up. If they had not, they would have lost him. Sometimes we lose them when we are close to Jesus because of certain circumstances, situations and conditions existing. The church, the followers constantly have to press and be sure that we have the spiritual compass so that what we are carrying will not be lost.

Of course, when they arrived on top of the building, which was no small task to be successful at, they broke up the roof and let him down to Jesus. Now, they couldn't just break up any part of the roof. It had to be the part that was above Jesus. They had to sound out where Jesus was and then break the roof there. Who was going to sound it out? Were they all four going to sound together so it would be the right locality? It takes prayer and it takes wisdom. These were four men of wisdom who knew how to bring him so they would get him to the right place. If we don't have wisdom, we will bring people to the wrong place.

Jesus. I imagine as they left to take him on the bed there was great elation in the hearts of the family and high anticipation in the heart of the瘫痪者 as they walked with him. I do not know if it was a short walk or a long walk. I cannot tell you whether it was a mile or less or more. But they were in step. Four faithful men in step.

The scripture says that Jesus saw their faith. There was great faithfulness exhibited here in these four dear ones bringing him to Jesus. They could only do this as they were in step because if they weren't in step it would cause the瘫痪者 to be more ill than he was when they started. They had to keep him level so that he would not slip off of his resting-place. We need to pray and hold on together to bring souls to Jesus because in the going to Jesus is victory, help and everything we need. Praise the Lord.

So these four faithful persons were really working together. It is not always easy for four persons to work together. Working together requires harmony. They were four men of harmony. They were four men of unity. Four men of strength. You have to have strength to carry someone and embrace him or her. These were four men that would not let the difficulties prevent them from getting the瘫痪者 to Jesus. They wanted to see him get well. They all four had the same goal and that was to see him well. They were four men that had like-mindedness.

Of course it would be very interesting to see their journey and how they were progressing. The four men would progress together, go together, be together, love together, care together, lift together, lifting carefully and cautiously in order to not jar him. They had to be four persons who had the gift of not jarring. Sometimes in our conversations and activities we jar. The jarring creates more illness. Even if we get to Jesus it has been a difficult thing if there has been jarring and banging.

These were four men of insight. They had to watch where they were going. They had to watch their step. Each one of the men had to

It is a marvelous thing to find where Jesus is, to know how to pray. We need the anointing. We need the guidance and the direction of the Holy Spirit. I know we all feel that way and want to do what Jesus would have us to do. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah.

And they found the place. How do we find the place? What is the procedure to find the place where we are to let people down to Jesus? And it said that when Jesus saw *their* faith, He said to the sick of the palsy, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." (The scribes reasoned within themselves saying, "Who can forgive sins but God?") So Jesus said to them, "But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy), I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house."

And a miracle took place because of the four faithful, the four caring, the four loving, the four cautious, the four men of vision and they were astonished. They said, "We never saw it on this fashion." Because of the love and faithfulness of these four men of vision the paralytic arose and carried his bed and went home. When he got home, the family saw him coming around the bend and down the little walkway and he was no longer a paralytic. He was now well because of the faithful four who carried him to Jesus. And when Jesus saw *their* faith He responded. It didn't say when Jesus saw *his* faith. It mentions that when Jesus saw *their* faith.

We are able only by the mercies of God to carry our burden or condition or situation and not have questions or analyze and wonder why we didn't do this and why we didn't do that. When we question, analyze or wonder, it keeps us from getting our prayers or the needs of others through to the throne of God. Hallelujah.

I have little faith — I don't know how you feel about yourself, but I feel that my faith is so little. I need more like the Syro-Phoenecian woman when she said to Jesus, "My daughter is very ill." And Jesus said to her, "It is not meet to take the children's

bread and cast it to the dogs." And she said, "Yea Lord, but even the dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from the children's table." Jesus said, "For that saying, thy daughter is well." (Matthew 15:22-28) We all need that kind of faith.

Let us be encouraged in the Lord. Thank you for your love and care for us. We need it. We are thankful to the Directors and Harmony Press and our staff, to Michelle who helps with the letter, and to each of you and for everything that has been done for us. We feel so unworthy. We sense our great need of much thanksgiving and gratitude. We want to give God all the glory and Jesus all the praise. For unworthy as we are, that you would help us and pray with us all these many years since we began. The road has not been easy lately, so we press up and we give God the glory and the praise for each of you who have been so kind, tender, understanding and compassionate to help us. Our need has been so great.

Thank you again. We give God the praise for the work of the Holy Spirit, the precious blood of Jesus that delivers from the snare of Satan and gives us the victory at all times and peace and rest in the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah. Romans 14:17 says, "the kingdom of God is not meat and drink but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." It is not in word but in power. (I Cor. 4:20) Jesus said it cometh not by observation, but is within your heart and mine. It is by His precious blood, His mercy and His grace that it could be in mine. Hallelujah.

May you be encouraged, healed, helped and lifted. May your burdens, pressures, hurts and woes, through the precious blood of Jesus and the person of Jesus, be healed and delivered for the glory of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

*Loran W. Helm*

Loran W. Helm

We want to praise Jesus for the response that we received on the last letter. Rev. Helm requested the following letters to be included for your encouragement, giving God all the praise, glory and honor.

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm,

I am thankful for your newsletter. The message on the glorious church was wonderful and I have read it twice. Thank you for preaching the pure word of God. May the Lord heal and encourage you. We are praying for you.

With love, Rebecca Bowers

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Dear Rev. Helm,

Thank you for your recent letter, especially for page ten, the instruction sheet of victory. I could lay the situation of my life beside that letter and point after point is answered. While I know those instructions were written for all, they could also have been written solely for me, and certainly the timing was perfect. Only the Holy Spirit could have done this.

Thank you for your walk of obedience in the Spirit. (Rev. Helm adds, "That is by the grace of God. It seems like we have come far short and the Lord has helped us.")

Larry Knight

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Dear Brother Helm,

Gary and I want to thank you for your faithfulness in loving us, teaching us and instructing us in the ways of the Kingdom! We truly believe it is because of this we were able to experience one of the greatest days in our lives yesterday. It was our desire to be in Mentone yesterday at the celebration for Thomas Harmon. As we prayed we felt that may not be where God wanted us to be July 12th. The scripture on our calendar for July

12th was: Exodus 14:13 "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will show to you today." When Gary saw that scripture and after further prayer he felt it was crucial that we be in Clare and not Mentone. Praise God! Because of your teaching we knew we could do nothing less than what God was leading. Although we wanted to be with our friends in Indiana we could not question the leading of the Holy Spirit to have us stay here.

During our morning service Jesus was leading so sweetly. The congregational songs were "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" and "The Master Has Come and He Calls Us". Gary shared, "If you are walking by faith, these songs have meaning!" Then Jesus led for Sherrie to sing #57. Gary had no idea what the song was. It was "I Am Coming to the Cross" and Gary shared that the only way God can give us what we really want is if we give up our life to Him! He wants people who forget their ideas to follow His ideas. Gary shared how we need to love the person it is the hardest for us to love. If we can get victory with our companions we will have victory in every area. This is only what you have shared with us time and time again.

Then one of our youth, Angie, who is quiet and not one to say much in service, got up and began to exhort. Her heart was pounding so hard she said that she believes God wants to work with somebody today. She asked forgiveness from the congregation because she wanted everything to be clear because this is so serious. She felt God wanted to save somebody this morning.

After Angie's exhortation, Gary told another one of our singers to sing #61 on her list. Then he shared the scripture on our calendar for this Sunday from another translation: "Do not be afraid, stand firm and you will see a difference." He shared, "God can do that today."

Lou Ann began to sing #61 - "Remind Me, Remind Me Dear Lord". When she got to the phrase "show me where you brought me from and where I could have been" our Paul began to sob and rejoice that God had

delivered him. It blessed and helped us all. Then Gary asked me to sing #68 on my list. It was "When Answers Aren't Enough There Is Jesus". As I was singing people were coming to the altar. Our Christy came down the aisle, to the platform and went to her Daddy. She sobbed on his shoulder and asked his forgiveness for grudges she had held for years. Jesus helped me to continue singing and I marveled at how the words of the song for Christy's situation. By now Paul was on his way up sobbing and rejoicing.

We had a love feast on the platform as Paul grabbed his dad, Christy and I. It wasn't long until Christy took the microphone and asked the forgiveness of her family and the church for grudges she has held onto for years. You could see the light of Jesus on her face. It was so beautiful! It was a very sacred time for our family and our church family.

If we had not had your instructions and teaching through the years we could have missed being where God wanted us to be yesterday. We may have gone to be with our friends at a wonderful celebration. God had a celebration, even the angels would attend because of the homecoming of a little lost lamb, planned for us in Clare.

Brother Helm, we wanted to share about Christy with you as soon as we possibly could because we felt it would encourage you that yet another family has been brought together because of your faithfulness and obedience through the years. We have seen your ministry return the hearts of the children to their fathers and the hearts of the fathers to their children many times during the years we have known you.

THANK YOU!!!! The Gary Mann Family

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Dear Brother and Sister Helm,

We have just arrived in America from Bangladesh (where we are currently living and working). In going through our mail, I found that you had shared a "love gift" with us

this past spring. My father-in-law deposited it in our account, but I am just now finding out about it.

I want to apologize for the delay in expressing our heartfelt thanks for your kindness. We are grateful for this encouragement.

Last January we were staying in a guest-house in Sylhat, Bangladesh for our winter retreat with other believers and were surprised to find A Voice in the Wilderness on their bookshelf! We recommended it to a young student who was also staying at that guesthouse. She is being led to work with leprosy missions. She could not put the book down!

Thank you for loving Jesus with all your heart. Our lives have been touched along with many others!

You are loved! Diane Horn for Jim, Andrew, Matthew and Rebekah

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Dear precious ones,

Praise God. About everyone at work knows I am a Christian trying to go for God. God has given me the privilege to witness to a few of these. Today at work a young fellow was talking to me about carnival rides and how they were fun to him. Somehow we talked about what I thought was fun. He made a sarcastic comment; "Do you really have fun?" I tried to tell him that getting to know God is the funnest thing I have found. As I talked he said, "I don't think that I could live that way." I told him anyone the Father calls to Jesus can live that way. While I was sharing there was a little anointing on me. After a while we talked about other things. What I thank the Lord for was how smoothly that witness went. He did not get offended at me and I was able to talk as long as I needed to for that moment.

I have been learning from your ministry how to witness.

Praise the Lord. Richard Sanchez

# *Revival For Our Day*

September 1998

Dear Ones in Christ Jesus,

Blessed Lord Jesus our savior, the mighty One of Israel of whom we are so unworthy, thou art the way, the truth and the life. Praise the Lord. We are so grateful for Thy mercy to us, to deliver us from the powers of darkness that are raging. We thank you Jesus for your precious blood and that your Holy Spirit is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think according to the power that worketh in us. We thank thee Jesus for your great faithfulness, mercy, help, blessing and provision. Hallelujah. Thank you Jesus for your direction and revelation, for souls to be saved and believers to be sanctified. We know that it is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord. Here we are the least and neediest of all thy servants and we thank you that you are able to deliver out of temptation and give the victory.

We pray for all those under pressures and disappointments, for those in trials and struggles, and for all those with hurts and wounds. We pray for healing and deliverance in Jesus' precious name. We ask, Heavenly Father, for wisdom, knowledge and anointing of the Holy Ghost in Jesus' name. Amen.

We want to thank you for the burden that you have carried for us in the soul, the mind and the body and for your faithfulness to pray for us. We are thankful for how the Lord has heard your prayers and trust that He will help as you continue to pray for our finances. We are in need of much prayer in this specific area. We would be in debt to the Lord and to you for this mercy, help and blessing in prayer for this need.

In the fourth chapter of John's gospel in verse four it says that Jesus "must needs go through Samaria." It says He must — there are some things that are in the must area, that are urgent and absolute. Here He must needs go through Samaria because there was a very dear person he was going to meet, a person who was lonesome, wounded, crushed, in a

rather difficult place and had been in life's trials, tests, struggles and storms, and He was to meet her.

On the way, He came to a town of Samaria called Sychar near to the parcel of ground Jacob gave to his son Joseph and Jacob's well was there. And Jesus being weary from His journey sat down on the side of the well. It was about the sixth hour. "And there came a woman of Samaria to draw water." When she came, Jesus was sitting there. He said to her, "Give me to drink". As I read this, I think about the fact that here is a woman of the city and that Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, the Mighty One of Israel, the Ancient of Days, the Everlasting Father, Counselor, the precious one, the sacred one, Shiloh come, says to her, "Give me to drink".

He didn't know her and had never seen her before, but He wanted to drink of her vessel. The well was deep and His disciples at that time had gone away into the city to buy food. In verse nine the woman said to Jesus, "How is it that thou being a Jew askest drink of me which am a woman of Samaria? For the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans." She was astonished, surprised and amazed that this Stranger of Galilee would ask her. She didn't know He was the Stranger of Galilee. He was strange to her and she was strange to Him. She couldn't understand why He would do this. But in His great love, His mighty holiness, purity, knowing all things, He said to her, "Give me to drink". And here we see this Samaritan woman having the experience of a lifetime. No one had ever had an experience quite like this at that well. And here the precious Christ is asking this woman for a drink from her vessel or dipper. The fact that the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans made it more special to her.

When she answered Jesus, Jesus answered and said to her in verse ten, "If thou knewst the gift of God, and who it is that saith unto thee, 'Give me to drink', thou would have asked of Him and He would have given thee

living water." He was bringing out in this verse of His gifts of eternal life to those that would deny self, take up the cross and be obedient and follow Him or accept Him as their personal savior. He told her that He would give her living water. Living water is forever. It satisfies and takes the thirst away, giving what the heart longs for, what the soul longs for, what the being longs for. Jesus told her that if she would have asked Him, He would have given her this living water. He has already asked her for a drink of water and now He is telling her that He can give her a drink, not from this well, but from the eternal well of holiness and love and His life. Praise the Lord.

The woman was no doubt surprised that Jesus could offer her water and said to Him, "Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with. This well is deep. From whence hast thou this living water?" She was mystified and wondered how He could get the living water when He had nothing to draw with. What is this living water? It was not in that well. Jesus had it. He Himself was the gift. Hallelujah. Praise the Lord. In verse twelve she said to Him, "Art thou greater than our Father Jacob, which gave us this well and drank thereof himself and his children and his cattle? She asked if Jesus was greater than Jacob, for Jacob was one of the great men of God. In other words, Art thou greater than he who gave us this well?" It is interesting that she called Jacob our father. She didn't quite understand about Jesus' water.

In verse thirteen Jesus said to her, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again." If you drink from this well you will have to drink again and again and again. "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." He told her that whoever gets the water that He gives will be satisfied. They will have what they are looking for, what they are seeking for. The joy of the Lord is our strength. It satisfies. And she is in the midst of a meeting. Jesus spoke to her just like He would speak to you or to me.

And she said unto Him, "Sir, give me this water." What He had to say was such a word that she was stirred up and quite moved. She wanted what Jesus was talking about. And she said, "Give me this water that you talk about so that I won't have to thirst neither come hither to draw."

Then in verse sixteen Jesus said to the woman, "Go call thy husband and come hither." And the woman answered, "I have no husband". Jesus answered, "Thou hast well said 'I have no husband'. For thou hast had five husbands and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband. In that saidst thou truly." And the woman said to Jesus, "I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain. Ye say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said unto her, "Woman, believe me, the hour cometh when ye shall neither in this mountain nor yet in Jerusalem worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what. We know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." And the woman said to Jesus, "I know that Messiah is coming which is called Christ. When He cometh He will tell us all things." And Jesus said to her, "I that speak unto thee am He." Praise the Lord.

I remember years ago when I read that verse it touched my heart and it was such a marvelous experience to have in the scriptures. It is interesting in this passage that Jesus revealed who He was to her because many times in the scriptures Jesus charged the person never to tell who He was. I wouldn't know how many times in scripture He charged people not to make Him known. And here He reveals Himself to this needy woman, this woman that had had five men. He revealed to her who He was. He said, "I that speak unto thee am He." Praise the Lord. And she is amazed. At this point came His disciples and they marveled in themselves that Jesus would talk to this woman. Yet no man said to Jesus, "What

seekest thou? or Why talkest thou with her?" At this point the woman leaves. She had come to draw water and she leaves without the vessel that she brought to draw with. I wonder how to investigate such an experience; how to see and understand it. She came to get the water, which was important to her, and she just forgot about it. She left the vessel and hasted away. She now has something within her heart that is more than the water in that well. She had just had a great experience which she is about to tell and convey.

In verse twenty-eight she is now on her way into the city and she is going to testify. This woman went to witness. She went to the men and said, "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did." She was in such a place that it is difficult to describe. She told the men, "I want you to come and see this man." How much persuasive power did she have to have to get those men to listen to her? A woman of this status in a community. She had to be awfully excited, anointed and worked up with joy and great anticipation. She had to be to tell the men of that city, "Come with me. I want to show you a man that told me all that ever I did." This seldom ever had occurred before in time, that a person would tell someone all that they ever did. Some people can sometimes tell a part or some or the major part, but she said to them, "He told me all that ever I did."

And when she had said that, she asked, "Is not this the Christ?" She is convinced that Jesus is Lord, that Christ is real. Praise the Lord. Glory to God! Thank you Jesus. Thank you Jesus. Thank you Jesus. Thou art everything. We need thee desperately Jesus in every area of the soul, mind and body. She said, "Come with me. I want you to see. Is not this the Christ?"

Then after she had testified and witnessed to them in these verses here, it says in verse thirty, "Then they went out of the city and came unto Him." Isn't that amazing. They went out of the city with her. This woman that had had five husbands and had lived a certain kind of a life, when she finished wit-

nessing to these men, I don't know how many there were, whether it was a few or many, they went with her and arrived at the feet of Jesus. Precious Father we need Jesus. Jesus we need you, every second, every breath, every heartbeat, for thy precious abiding and thee to deliver. Hallelujah.

Verse thirty-one says, "In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat." But He said unto them, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." Therefore said the disciples one to another, "Hath any man brought him ought to eat?" Jesus saith unto them, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labor: other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors." Verse thirty-nine says, "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on Jesus". There were more meetings, weren't there? Not just the one. She caused the men to come out. But this verse says that many of the Samaritans believed on Jesus for the saying of the woman, because of the Holy Spirit, the power of God working in her to be so stirred and moved with Jesus. She just kept it up until not only the men came but many came.

How much could God do with us if we were just willing to obey and believe and have faith? I have cried out through the years saying, "I need more faith." At one place Jesus rebuked them, saying, "O ye of little faith." And another place He commended the centurion for his great faith.

How long did Jesus preach before the Samaritans believed on Him? What did He teach? They believed He was the Christ, the Savior because a woman said to them, "He told me all that ever I did." This is a great meeting in the fourth chapter of John. It

says, "And many of the Samaritans believed on Him." O, what a revival! What an awakening! How many awakenings have there been like this one? Only the Lord knows. We need it today.

This woman's testimony was effective. It was reaching and convincing so much so that many believed. Verse forty says, "So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them." They began to say to Him, "Don't leave us. Stay here." And He answered their request. He stayed with them for two days. Isn't it marvelous that they were finding the Prince of Peace, the King of Glory? Praise the Lord. Then verse forty-one says, "And many more believed because of His own word; and said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying; for we have heard Him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

They had never seen Jesus before, but now they are changed and convinced. They said, "We know now, that He is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world." The Wonderful One, the Mighty One, the Ancient of Days, the Mighty King of Glory, the Savior who was going to give His life on the cross and shed His blood that we could be saved from our sins, evils, iniquities, wrongs and all the things that have grieved Him. Hallelujah. This was a place where the Jews had no dealings, but now Jesus has brought them together. Remember it said at the beginning, "Jesus must needs go through Samaria."

We are thankful for your prayers and your sacrifice, petitions and supplications. Our need is so great and we are unworthy. I just feel so unworthy of everything. Of all the provision and everything that is done and for God to be merciful to me a sinner, that I might be victorious, by His grace. Praise the Lord. We are thankful for all the staff, for Harmony Press, for the workers and those who help, for Michelle working on the letter. We are thankful that Jesus is able to take care and make a way when we know we are unworthy and nothing. We are at the bottom, but God is able to deliver those who put their

trust in Him. We want to give God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit the praise, glory and honor. I am way behind on my praises and thanksgiving. We want Jesus to be first. We haven't wanted our lives first through the years, we have wanted Jesus to be first and to be exalted, honored and glorified. He is the one, the way, the truth and the life. I need Him every breath and every second to deliver me. It is through His precious blood and His wonderful grace that we can make it. "Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come." Praise the Lord. We plead the blood of Jesus.

May you be healed and may your wounded hearts be taken care of; hurts, pressures, conditions of life answered and delivered through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hallelujah. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

*Loran W. Helm*

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Rev. Helm wanted the following letters included for you encouragement, giving God all the praise, glory and honor.

Dear Rev. Helm,

I was sharing with Marcia Schultze on Saturday about Fellowship Youth Camp and she encouraged me to write to you to tell you about how the Lord worked throughout the week of camp. The camp took place at Shakamak State Park, August 9-14. We had a wonderful time in the Lord together. Each morning the pastors would meet together for prayer seeking to start the morning with praise and adoration of the Lord God Almighty!! As well, we waited before the Lord in prayer to seek guidance on who was to share in the worship service each evening. The opening service Pastor Mike Douglas shared in the opening few moments about the need for waiting quietly in God's presence before trying to worship God. This seemed to build a framework for

the whole week of camp.

That same night Pastor Jerry Keller shared about “Who We Are”, and how God has basically made four personality types according to the writings of Ezekiel in the Old Testament. Pastor Jerry allowed us to see who we are and to better understand people with other personalities. He also showed positive and negative aspects of each personality type, so that we could guard against certain things.

The second night Pastor Tony Etris shared about the importance of walking in the “Light”. He was asking an important question: Where are you? Taken from Genesis when God came in the cool of the day and asked Adam and Eve “where are you” after they had disobeyed God. He also shared of how God knows where we are and wants us to respond. He closed his message by sharing a story about a serviceman who had heard a message and then was given a card when he left the service. On one side of the card it said, “Heaven or Hell, which will it be?” On the other side it had a place for a signature. He carried the card for six months, and after a long illness, which confined him to his quarters, he was reminded of the card and responded to God in the midst of his illness. After six months had passed he was back in the same place and put the card in the offering basket. Pastor Tony encouraged us to “keep the card” and respond as God would have us to. Throughout the week the young people would turn in their card, some in the offering plate, others would just give it to Pastor Tony. The last part of the service that night the Lord had placed a song on Pastor Jerry’s heart, and as he performed that song, young people began to pray where they were as well as at the altar.

The third night the Holy Spirit dealt with the Pastors as they prayed that morning that Pastor Mike Douglas’ wife Kathy, Pastor Mark Donnelly’s wife Joy, and Pastor Gary Mann’s wife Sarah were all to share. Sister Kathy shared about how when she was a young person and found the Lord, Jesus would speak to her heart in a still small voice to keep her from doing the wrong

thing. And she shared that when she stopped listening to that “voice” then slowly she couldn’t hear it anymore until she committed herself again to Christ as an adult. She reiterated how we need to listen to the “voice” in our heart, or our heart will harden. Sister Joy shared about how she went to the altar many times as a child, and one day as she was praying about it the Lord spoke to her and said He was softening her heart all those times. She also shared about how we need to get our focus off the secular horizon and raise it up to God’s horizon. Sister Sarah shared how God has been faithful to her all the years, even through the good and the bad. She also shared of how God was faithful to lead her to the right husband. And twenty-five years of marriage gives testimony to that truth.

On to the fourth night of camp. Brother Mark Allen Wolff shared with us about the “Greatness” of God and the “Smallness” of man. It was filled with the anointing and animated with the conviction of God. We would laugh one minute and cry the next. He shared a story of how God spoke to him while he was doing the dishes, to go to the hospital and visit a friend of his wife, who was near death. It was a beautiful illustration of how we should obey God and do what He says even when we do not understand. He also shared illustrations of the importance of witnessing to others of our faith in Christ even when they do not understand. As was the case with the other nights, this too stirred in our souls about the kingdom of God.

The fifth and final night Pastor Mike Douglas shared about the importance of doing what we know is right and just simply obey God so that we may continue to hear God’s voice and experience God’s kingdom. He shared an illustration of a belt sander that he really wanted. He made a trip to Sears. When he reached the counter to pay for it, the Lord spoke to his heart that he wasn’t to buy it. So he went home and his wife asked him how much he wrote the check for and he replied “nothing.” She asked, “I thought you were going to buy the belt sander.” He answered that Jesus would-

n't let him buy it. Three weeks later in the front of his pickup truck set a big box. When he opened the door he discovered that it was the exact belt sander from Sears, still in the box. He tried to find out how it got there and discovered that a man by the name of Dennis had felt led of the Lord to get the sander for Mike even though Mike had never mentioned it to anyone other than his wife. This illustrated that we simply need to follow Jesus even when we want something, or as Pastor Mike said, "especially" when it is our desire.

During the week of camp we had what was called a "Time with the Senior Saints". This was where Pastor Forrest Richey and his wife Mary Jane, as well as Pastor Paul Cox and Pastor Emery Reese shared with groups of young people during the day about walking with God and God's faithful working in their lives. This was a wonderful opportunity of growth for not only the youth but also the adults. Brother Cox spoke about as we walk in the Spirit we won't fulfill the lust of the flesh. Brother Forrest Richey shared about Daniel and how he stayed true to his convictions and wouldn't eat the food or drink the wine from the king's table. He shared of how we must stay true to our convictions by reading the Word and praying. Pastor Emery Reese shared many stories of his walk with God, several of which were about your life, Rev. Helm. He also talked about the early days and of how he was converted and the many times that God answered prayer. Sister Mary Jane shared with the group as well each day. Throughout the week the young people testified of how they were helped in her group as well as each of the other groups.

During this week of camp there seemed to be a sweet spirit in every facet of the camp. The Lord helped Dennis Elpers as well as Jeff McNeilly oversee all the food preparation and the food was great! The spirit of the young people would stir your heart, there was such unity, peace and joy on all of the young people. The total number in attendance was about 130 youths and 50

pastors and counselors. Throughout the week the young people would recite scriptures by memory. They would also share of answers to prayer and testify of how God had spoken to their hearts during the evening meetings.

There are many other things I could share. One last thing I would like to share is that the Lord put it on the heart of one of the Senior Saints that the evidence of the work of God among these young people and adults would not necessarily be seen soon, but in the weeks, months and years ahead. On the last morning of camp, every camper, counselor and staff member was given a copy of "A Voice in the Wilderness".

Rev. Helm, I would just like to thank you for your faithfulness to God, which is the real reason that we even have camp and may Jesus be glorified.

Your friend in the Lord, Steven Claspell

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Dear Bro. Helm:

Thank you for the last newsletter and your exhortation to dwell on whatsoever things are lovely and keep trusting the Lord. I had begun to worry and agonize how we were to take care of Dad and Mom. Since I received your letter, I have endeavored to look to Jesus - I had forgotten and got my eyes on what seemed to be difficult. Thank you for reminding me of this great truth. It has helped me so much to just go day by day and to trust Jesus.

I send my love to you and Florence. Thank you for your prayers and your help and the many times you have given me the word of the Lord.

Love in Jesus, Susanna

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# *Revival For Our Day*

October 5, 1998

Dear ones with a trusting heart who are pressing toward the mark of the prize for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. We know that there is no good thing in us, but all good things are in Jesus.

We find in the fourth chapter of St. Luke's writings that after Jesus had the time of temptation, fasting and overcoming the devil, He began to preach the gospel to the poor and those that were oppressed of the devil. Also Peter's mother-in-law was healed miraculously.

As we come into the fifth chapter of Luke we find Jesus preaching out of a boat. "**And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon Him...**" So many people were coming up closely to Him that He had little room to move about. So he went to a place with a little more freedom so that He would no longer be pressed on all sides of His body by the great crowd that had assembled to hear His word. For His word was spoken with authority, sweetness and gentleness and no one had ever spoken like this man. Here was Jesus being pressed upon by the crowd and they came for one purpose - to hear the word. Luke didn't say that they came to be healed. This is a remarkable thing because many times it is the healing that really draws the people. It was Christ's ability to give the word that drew the people this time. The words of the God of Israel, Creator of the universe, were flowing through Him and they were pressing in to hear Him. Thus, He did not have enough room to get around very well. So we find Him in a rather unusual predicament there by the Sea of Galilee.

In the midst of His excitement about getting the word of God out, He looked around. Sometimes we have to look around to see what we are in before we can be used some more. After He looked around, verse two says, "**And He saw two ships standing by the lake.**" If you can, visualize two ships standing on water. The writer says here that the ships were standing by the lake. Jesus saw them and thought they could be used to His advantage to aid and help Him. What do we see about us that we can use that might help us in our life. What do we see standing, waiting on us, that can be of some encouragement, some spiritual meat or some spiritual place of rest? He saw something that would help Him. What do you see to help you? To what extent can we see what is ours for free that we fail to use for our own help and advantage?

These ships were empty. Now, if the ships had been filled, He couldn't have used them because there

would have been no room for Him. What is around us that is empty that we can use to be a help to others? What cargo can we place in the empty places that we see about us that might be a source of spiritual food, spiritual meat or drink? There are situations around us that we could help but sometimes we overlook it. I am sure I do. I come so far short in prayer, in intercession, in winning the lost, in so many ways. God said, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. (II Chronicles 7:14)

Sometimes we need some extra help and vision. Where there is no vision the people perish. These ships were seen by vision. It is something to consider that they were empty, because, if they had been full, He would not have been free to ask for their aid and assistance. Do we ask for aid and assistance when we should not? Do we speak and call for something that we see could advantage us when we should not? What do we do with what we have - or what we do not have? What He saw here, He did not have. These ships were not His. They were someone else's ships. He felt the freedom to ask for assistance. What do we see that is possible, permissible and allowable that we can use to help someone along the journey? An old song says, "Help somebody today, somebody along life's way." Sometimes we see things about us that we let pass that could have been used to help or encourage someone by strengthening, sharing, giving and lifting their burdens.

When Jesus saw these two ships standing by the lake, He had an idea. He had a thought. How many thoughts come into your mind? What is the mind worth? Is the mind the place of thoughts? How do we use our minds? He said, "Let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2:5) That has been my cry. I hate the carnal mind, the reprobate mind. I resist it and rebuke it. We have ships standing by us, assistance near us, that we could use if only we would apply ourselves and obey and say what could be said in the right way. Sometimes we ask for help and do so in a demanding or commanding way, which is offensive. Jesus was not offensive here with these empty ships. He was thoughtful, gentle, kind. Are we kind? Are we gentle? Are we thoughtful? Are we careful? Are we cautious? How cautiously do you live each day? How thoughtfully do you live? What makes up a thoughtful life? What is in the mind? What's in the heart and what's in the ship near by?

When Jesus saw the ships He also saw the fishermen and used their help and assistance. These fishermen had tried all night to fill the empty ships and couldn't find one fish in the whole lake. They weren't able to get one fish in either one of the ships, though they had toiled all night. Here the ships are empty near the shore, standing there waiting to be used. What's near us empty and waiting to be used because someone was on the wrong side, on the human side, on the carnal side or on the advantage side? When Jesus saw these two ships, the fishermen were gone out of them and they were busy. I want you to see these were busy men. They were busy at washing nets that had not profited them. Every one of those nets had come back empty and they were out busily washing them. What were they washing them from? They certainly weren't washing them from the scales of the fish they had caught all night. That's a thought isn't it? They were washing off things that we cannot see. And they were busy getting their nets ready to go out for another catch, but the last attempt had been pitiful. Every time they had lifted them from the water they were empty.

Jesus viewed these men. What do we view? What do you see? Do you see things in your view that may be a disappointment to those that you see who have toiled all day, all night? How discouraged were these men washing empty nets? How much encouragement are you to every discouraged washer of the things in the opportunities of this life? As Jesus viewed these men washing their nets, He did something quite remarkable. The scripture doesn't indicate that Jesus had permission. Verse three says, "**And He entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's.**" He entered one of the two because He couldn't enter both of them. Why did He choose the one that He chose? Did it look a little better? Did it look a little stronger? The ship Jesus entered into was Simon Peter's, who is not in the ship, but is busy on the shore washing the nets. What do you suppose Peter thought about Jesus stepping into his boat? When Jesus entered it, it says, "**He prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land.**" It doesn't say He asked him or that He wanted him to do it. It says He *prayed* him. This language is interesting. How do you pray someone to get what he or she has that you need? How do we go about doing that?

Jesus didn't ask Him to thrust out a lot, but a little. What is a little? How far out was a little? Not far. Was Peter surprised, amazed, or astonished that Jesus would ask for his boat? He prayed him. In other words, Jesus asked him to untie the boat. It was tied. If you don't have something along the shoreline tied up it will float away. If Peter had not had the boat tied, it would not have been there to be

used. It would have been gone. How many times do we fail to tie to that which is responsible and is our duty to do? What do we not have because we didn't have it tied sufficiently by paying our debts and looking after our obligations, by being faithful and being true? What we needed has wandered out and then we have nothing to sit in to teach the people because it's gone due to our irresponsibility. Now Jesus told Peter to thrust out a little, but he couldn't thrust out until he had untied it. What do we have to untie from before we can thrust out a little to be used of God? Most certainly, we have to untie from the self-assertive life. Most everyone born since Adam is tied up to the shore of self-arrangement and self-want. As long as we are tied to self-will, self-want or self-desires, we cannot thrust out a little. But if we are untied when we thrust out a little, we are going to get what we were not able to get all night. And here they were, having an experience with a lot of people. When Jesus got out into the water a little ways, it amplified His voice for everyone to hear, but they had to untie from the dock of self-will, of human likeness, of the absence of child-likeness.

Finally, Peter was ready to go and he obeyed and thrust out a little. Not much, not far, not a great distance, but a little. [It may have been twenty feet or fifty feet.] It had to be out a distance, but not too far. Sometimes we go too far and we are not heard. We go too far into the self-study of what we think is good and we can't get our message across. They can't get it in their heart. They hear, but it can't sink inside of them.

**"And he thrust out a little."** I want you to see by this that he was attentive to Jesus' words. He was willing for Jesus to have his ship. He was willing to untie and go out a little. He was willing to stay in the boat with Jesus. (Now Jesus had not gotten into the boat by Himself, but Peter had gotten in with him. If Peter hadn't have been in the boat, he never would have been able to launch out into the deep. That's a good thought.) He could have stayed on the shore washing his nets and just let Jesus borrow the boat. Had he done that he would not have been told by Jesus to launch out into the deep. We don't know how many people were helped or healed or blessed. But after the message He said to Peter in verse four, "**Launch out into the deep, and let down you nets for a draught.**" The first step was untie, the second step was thrust out a little, and then after the message, launch out into the deep. The deep of what? Go out into the depths where what you need is to be found. Too many of us have gone out a little and put our nets there, and they were empty. But when he launched out into the deep, that's where he found what he had been looking for.

Jesus said to launch out for a draught. And Peter answered Him, **“Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.”** If Peter had stayed on the shore, he would have missed this catch. Too many of us are still on the shore with our plans. Too many of us are on the shore of self-want, self-like, self-plan and self-ideas. We miss the great catch because we are not willing and we are doing our own thing. But Peter was obedient again and he thrust out into the deep and let down one of his nets. He let down the one net and when he did, the fish came. Where did they all come from? His net was so full of fish and the net began to break. How many fish can get out of a broken net? Scores or hundreds. But this net was so full of fish. You see, all night they could not catch anything because they had been on their own. Now they are with the Master and the net is now breaking by the weight of the fish. And Peter is excited. Rightly so.

Verse seven says, **“And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.”** They had enough fish to fill two empty ships until they began to sink. We don't know how many scores of fish swam away, but God had enough fish in that broken net to fill two empty ships standing by the lake. They had been empty all night and now they are so full they are sinking. How much weight does it take to sink a ship? How many fish does it take to sink a ship that was empty with no cargo? When Peter saw this, he was astonished and amazed, for it was almost incredible or unbelievable. And it would have been to you and to me. No doubt, this was the greatest fishing experience Peter had ever known. Few fishermen have ever seen such a sight. It is a marvel that might not have ever occurred since - that two boats would be so full of fish that they would start to sink.

Verse eight says, **“When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Depart from me; for I am a sinful man O Lord'.”** Peter has come to himself and is down at the knees of Jesus. He is no longer standing. Remember they are in a ship. Where did they stand with two full ships of fish? Here they are in a ship full of fish out in the lake and Peter is asking Jesus to depart from him. Where could He go? They are still in the ship in the water. Peter told Jesus down on his knees in a ship in the midst of many fish that he was a sinner. O, aren't we such sinners? I cry out, “O Lord, I am a sinner. It is by your mercies and through your grace to forgive me of all my mistakes and all my shortcomings, wrong choices and anything that has grieved you. I am a sinner.” Peter said, “Depart from me, for I am a sinner, Lord.” He didn't feel

worthy to be in His presence. That is the way I feel. I am just a sinner. I am nothing. I am needy. But He is mighty to deliver out of temptation. Hallelujah! Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost who is able to save to the uttermost. All that will come unto Him He will in no wise cast out.

Peter was astonished. And not only Peter, but also all that were with him. Who was the all? Was the multitude a part of the all? They were close enough to see what was going on, two empty ships now sinking. And they were all amazed at this catch of fish. Jesus told them in verse ten, **“Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.”** Verse eleven says, “And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed Him.” They left all to go with Jesus. O, what a day that is. They were ready to leave all. They were all ready to leave when they got to the shore.

We praise the Lord for each one of you that have prayed for us. We are unworthy of it. We are grateful for all your prayers, petitions, supplications, fasting, obedience and for you going forth to cast your net on the right side, to be sure that you have orders from Heaven, that the Holy Spirit might lead me. We praise the Lord for those that have the vision for the great need that we are in. May God be praised, Jesus be glorified and honored because of the catch that can be yours and can be mine if we endure. For he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved - he that endures, he that presses toward the mark of the prize, he that prays, he that obeys, he that is childlike. “For unless we become like a little child, we shall not enter the kingdom of Heaven.” (Matthew 18:3) And so we thank all of the staff, Harmony Press, Stephen and Michelle for editing the letter and getting it ready for us, for all of our staff and people who help out. We need help here. How the Lord has been merciful in the midst of our great need and this ocean of opportunity.

We want to express appreciation and thanksgiving to all of you. We thank you for your consideration, compassion, prayers, perseverance, your praising the Lord and listening to His voice, and for getting your net on the right side. We pray for all those in the hospitals, jails and prisons who are in need of salvation and for the sanctification of believers. Praise Thee Jesus. We want to be sure Jesus has all the glory.

In Jesus' Name,

*Loran W. Helm*

Loran W. Helm

Rev. Helm requested that the following letters be included for your encouragement, giving God all the praise, all the glory and all the honor.

Dear Rev. Helm,

Praise the Lord and glory to God, our help and sure defense, and ever present help in trouble! In Him will I trust and not be afraid, for the Lord Jehovah is become my strength and my song. I was reading E.M. Bounds today. He was a Methodist evangelist in the Civil War era. He preached and wrote from about 1859 to 1913. With all that has transpired in your ministry in the last few years, one paragraph stood out.

"The power of the devil - how defiant, bold, sacrilegious, presumptuous! How near the sacred person of Christ he came! See how he invaded the sacred circle of His chosen apostles. Judas falls from his high position - tempted, possessed by Satan and filled with remorse and infamy, committing suicide, and hell is his forever. Peter acts as the spokesman of the devil, and becomes the advocate of a non-cross-bearing, non-self-denying, worldly religion. He is so affected by the devil's power that he curses and swears and lies, and finds himself all besmirched, bemired and befooled, from which he is only saved by the prayers and look of Christ. John and James fell a prey to the devil, as they wanted fire to come down from heaven and burn up the Samaritans. Christ sharply shows that they had not His Spirit, but the other spirit, the spirit of the destroyer, which actuated them. Paul had his apostolic plans interfered with and hindered by the devil. To the Thessalonians, he writes: 'Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I, Paul, once and again; but the devil hindered us.' And he bore to his grave the marks of the power of this inveterate foe to apostolic fidelity."

I know that many storms have been weathered by you and Florence. The enemy is not willing that the message of revival should get into any heart...but this is God's message and He will be victorious in the end! He is at work in the world even now; bringing all things into readiness...indeed, the best is yet ahead!

Janice and I are thankful that we have had the opportunity to know you and Florence and hear the message of self-denial and the cross, personal holiness, forgiveness and love in the Holy Ghost. It has made our lives better and our future brighter to have learned to trust God even a little. We love you and esteem you very highly in Christ for the works' sake...that work which is in His hands; that work He promised would not return void. Praise the Lord.

Because He lives, Kim Gilbert  
Dear Brother Helm,

Only a short message to tell you God certainly helped us in every way yesterday (Thursday). How thankful I am for the time together in White Harvest

for prayer, then for the blessed time at Parker City! The trip home with Bro. Paul Cox was wonderful, as was the trip to Indiana. We arrived at Bro. Cox's home around 3:00 AM and then I arrived home around 3:50 AM. God was in all of it so wonderfully. I believe I arrived home more refreshed than at any point of the entire trip. We praise God for His excellent mercies!

Your sharing was with a special anointing of the Holy Spirit. Your words were clear and to the point...you helped us in a wonderful way to consider the hour in which we find ourselves... "As it was in the days of Noah." May God help seal to my heart the challenging words you shared with us. The service was more than excellent!

We thank God for your health in all areas. We continue to pray for you and for Sister Helm...body, mind, soul, spirit, finances, and in all things. Chosen vessel of God, be strong in the Lord as you lean upon Him. I am believing God to help you and Sister Helm for your walk of obedience to Him. Thank you for sharing your love and His message with us once again. All glory and praise be to God. Amen.

Sincerely trusting, Pastor Ronald Wine

P.S. The meetings were worth the trip many times over...Praise God!

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Dear Rev. Helm:

Praise God! I have thought of you and prayed for you many times, but I haven't written in awhile. Sometimes I just get too caught up in the whirlwind of living and neglect the little things that are often the most important.

God has been helping me! My husband (Buster) and I are the Youth Leaders at Scott Depot Christ Fellowship. I believe that God is doing a great work in our Youth Group. It has been building for awhile, but this summer's Youth Camp with Michael Douglas was a big boost in God's working.

As we sang with Michael Douglas at the beginning of the Thursday evening service, I felt a joy that I can only describe as "fierce!" My chest felt on fire and full to the bursting point! I felt as if I was going to rise right up off of the ground! It was awesome! Then when Michael began to speak, my chest felt hollowed out and I could hear every beat of my heart. My heart was pounding. I could just hear and feel every beat.

After the service was over, I went to Michael and told him about my experience, then I cried and asked him why we couldn't live in that kind of joy. He told me that once when he had also had an experience of great joy, that God told him to go read. He said he didn't want to read. He wanted to walk

around outside glorying in the joy feeling he was experiencing. But God said again, "Go read." So, he did. God directed him to A Voice in the Wilderness, and when he opened it up, his eyes fell on the part where you wrote that joy comes from obedience. He told me that God wants more joy for us in our lives, but the many "little" disobediences in our lives keep us from it. I have been thinking on that ever since, and God has opened my eyes to many of my own little disobediences. I have very far to go and very much to learn, but I am thankful that God has the power to get me where He wants me, so I'm just trusting Him and pressing on.

I want to once again thank you and Mrs. Helm for your lives of obedience and faithfulness. I am a life that has been changed because of it. Your messages have always held the truth that has helped me, taught me and lifted me. Thank you, and may God bless you richly!

Love, Mrs. Buster Miles

Dear Rev. & Mrs. Helm,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I'm so happy and thankful in my heart for the help He gave to us in the recent Youth Camp at Shakamak. His presence was there when we came. It was there during the entire camp and His sweet presence remains with me now as I try to tell you of the great compassion He had on us as we did our best to wait upon Him at Shakamak.

It seemed to me then that each person that came already had the desire to please Him. I found out later that while that was not quite the case in the beginning for everyone, yet in the next few days some were converted and immediately began to confess faults, ask for forgiveness, and even offer to pray in the evening cabin devotions.

The one comment I have received most from campers is that it seemed like everyone was your friend and that they really all wanted to tell or be told about the greatness of our God and what He was doing in their lives. There was no "in crowd" or those on the "outs." It was out of place to criticize or make fun of anyone. Instead of discouragement, there was encouragement. Instead of put downs, there were others lifting up. Even now our e-mail and other mail box nearly daily receives notes from young people who say that Jesus changed their lives, their attitude and their focus.

The more I try to tell, the more I know my inability; but God can help you to have a sense of what He is doing in it all. When it seemed that getting the camp for next year was not possible, some of the park employees went to the manager on our behalf. They said, "There must be a way. These people leave the camp clean and they are courteous. They don't tear stuff up and they have been coming for

years. We lost them for two years, but we don't want to see them go next year." And wouldn't you know, God made a way. There was a cancellation. They got word to us in time, so that the very next morning we were on the schedule for 1999!! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!! Glory to God! He made a way, when there was no way!

Those things that we have learned and received - both heard and seen in you have been the key, foundational things that the Lord has used and is using to bring us to oneness. When the pastors prayed every morning, there was never a sense of self-promotion or self-assertion. Each considered the other as more important than himself and God was lifted up.

When the campers prayed in the early morning hours, the bridge (where they met) was filled to overflowing for the first time ever. Who knows but with the help of Christ, the Blessed Holy Spirit and the Sovereign strength of God our Father, the later days could be more precious than the former.

I don't know what He will accomplish in the days ahead, but there is within my heart a deep appreciation to God for you and all those Senior Saints who have loved not their lives....

Our prayers and appreciation are with you. You and Mrs. Helm are deeply loved, appreciated, and respected in the Lord!

Your Friend, Mike Douglas

Dear Rev. Helm:

I write this letter to rejoice over the September 16th service in which you preached as well as the service of today, September 20th. I found that your sermon of the 16th served as a validation of much of what you have endeavored to teach us these number of years. That being, for months you were given NO message from heaven! Thus, you had not spoken. Then a, or rather THE message was given. COME THOU NOAH! What is the significance of this? What import should we place on this? In the context of your life and message and our various connections with you what message should be derived about this? Might we need to lean a little closer, cleave a little harder, listen a little more? Noah WALKED with God and was found RIGHTEOUS in His sight and thus found GRACE when the rest of the world He chose to destroy. To that point, he and his family had endured decades of mockery and derision for the ship he was building that wasn't needed or wanted. Yet, he did what God commanded and as God commanded and when God commanded. That sounds vaguely familiar with your life sir.

It's odd now that I think about it. I've actually heard people say that your message just doesn't float their boat. As you've tried to add the timbers

of self-denial and obedience to the ark of the church, the pitch of holiness between these same timbers, the roof of prayer, the window which only opens at the leading of the Holy Spirit or yea even the witness of the Holy Spirit...we can go on a while here! All the while patiently, gently, caringly and kindly allowing various ones of us to help for awhile and undo for awhile. Putting on pitch for years and suddenly PITCHING a fit. Doing exactly as the children of that age. Marrying whom we wish, hardening our hearts, laughing at the boat or the workmen thereof.

This morning was far more serious though, a quick and easy read if one is to read divine things at all. **GET ON THE BOAT!** One must accept the premise of the first to accept the premise of the second, but I believe the ark is about to load up. It was not insignificant to me that today was Rosh Hashanah, (the beginning of 10 days of repentance) and perhaps that we might need to take heed to a righteous man. A faithful man. A needy man. A man without all the answers. A man that only knows and goes as God directs.

Unlike some, I have never been disappointed with you. Your weaknesses comfort me and do not discourage me. Your age I find as a validation and not a condemnation. Because of the movie "The Ten Commandments" we've grown into a culture expecting the men of God to be Charlton Heston with long hair blowing in the wind. We've come to expect our services to be like an hour-long television show. Zing us with some good music, have a good story and adequate breaks in between. Either frighten us, excite us, or make us cry but don't dare interfere with our lives unless it is to validate them as we wish to live them.

You don't and won't do this. You will not conform even though it is wished, demanded, or hoped. BRAVO! The scripture says that no PLAN, no IDEA, no WISDOM will work against the Lord. The nails that hold the ark of the church together for when the storm comes are ones of obedience. The Sunday School picnic won't help, the hymns that we wished sung won't help, nor the services designed to attract numbers with entertainments, nor the ministries of which we may be lauded and applauded...the question is Will They Float?

I have a feeling that ark was about the unloveliest of boats ever built by man. Might it be we are booking passage on the Titanic versus the boat of God's design? As you can see sir, I was getting a little bit out of these messages. I was challenged. I was encouraged. I was convicted. Most encouraging of all, I felt invited to get on the boat! Now, in all these 20 years of listening to you, I've heard you name a number of sinful and carnal traits. Some of those hundreds of times. In ALL those times, I've yet to find myself innocent yet of even one of those things. To those who would say your message is too hard, I would say I don't understand. If I, who

have yet to be found innocent of any charge as the searchlight of the Holy Spirit goes through, who most times does not even need a searchlight can feel invited on the boat, welcomed, encouraged, lifted and helped; how could anyone be upset?

Fortunately, I've never trusted in you. Never had to. You've always pointed me to Jesus. Therein, nothing you do or don't do dispels the belief I have in Jesus about you. You cannot help who you are just as I cannot help what my response is supposed to be. Who would've known what that little word to you from heaven with a milk jar underarm would mean? At some critical point, God always stands with His friends. I just want to be found friendly with a friend. I carry flood insurance in West Virginia on my property, not so bad to carry flood insurance on my family in Indiana. May the Holy Spirit whack me up side of the head if I lose this. It will only be by His grace and mercy for sure. I'm surely not the elect, the elite or the chosen. I'm the slug on the wall. The inveterate sinner.

Even though it's black, keep applying the pitch sir. (Thus, "pitch black.") God's friends are few. Pray for us all. Tell Him of our condition while still in His audience.

Carnal yet, Rodney D.

## REQUEST

**In the past several months, many of the newsletters mailed to families or individuals on the RFOD mailing list have been returned as undeliverable by the Post Office. We understand that several areas have recently converted to "911 addressing" and many other persons have simply moved. We want everyone who wants to receive this letter to be included on our mailing list. Many people are not receiving the letter simply because we do not have their correct address, while others have been inadvertently deleted from the computer.**

**We are working hard to make sure our mailing list is complete and accurate, but we need your help. Please try to think of persons of whom you may be aware who have moved and are not getting this letter.**

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**Thank you for all of your assistance in this matter. We love each one of you.**

# *Revival For Our Day*

November, 1998

Dear Ones in Jesus,

Precious striving followers of Jesus Christ, of the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world, the mighty God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Creator of the universe, Greetings.

May you be sustained by the grace of God, as you press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God, laying aside every weight and sin that so easily besets us, to run with patience the race that is set before us, in purity, humility, utter dependence and childlikeness, as we strive to become like Him and allow Him to cleanse and crucify the carnal nature from us.

Heavenly Father, we come to thee in Jesus' name knowing that in us dwelleth no good thing, we are just a sinner saved by your blood and the mercies of God, to forgive us of all of our short-comings and every choice of the flesh and every disobedience. We give thee praise and glory for the blood that saves and the truth that sanctifies. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me." "Except a kernel of wheat fall into the ground and die it abideth alone, but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit."

We thank you Jesus, for forgiving us Lord and helping us to stand with clean hands and a pure heart. For you said Lord, "Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet my people have forgotten me days without number." (Jeremiah 2:32) Ezekiel 22:30 says, "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." So we see, dear Jesus, that we come so far short and it is through your blood and mercies that we can make it in every area. We are so little and limited, and so inclined to stray and grow cold and have a lukewarm heart. Help us to have a heart on fire for thee, a heart that will give glory to thee that will praise thee and obey thee and follow thee, letting thee lead and guide on. Lead on O King eternal, for the day of march has come. Praise thee, praise thee, praise thee. Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, who is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him against that day, and to present us faultless and blameless before the throne with exceeding joy. We know that we have nothing to boast about. We come far short, it seems. We pray so little, but you are so merciful to help us in our inconsistencies and nothingness. Hallelujah. Praise you Jesus. We cry out to thee, knowing that we are the bottom one of all. We don't claim to be anything but just a little servant. Thank you Jesus, for how you have been so merciful to us. We thank you, Father, for souls that help us with this little message, that we could declare it. By

thy mercies only could we say a word. We come before thee with thanksgiving for forgiving us in so many places for we have come short. Praise the Lord.

In II Chronicles 7:14, God says, "**If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves...**" We should come to Jesus utterly dependent upon Him like a little child is dependent upon his parents [to eighteen months]. Humility is a marvelous gift of God to a heart that desires to be broken and yielded. We cannot be humble unless we are broken, submissive and surrendered.

We must become lowly, which is required of us in humility. We must be aware that we are nothing and very needy. When I was around age twenty-five, I realized that I needed prayer more than anyone I knew — and it is still that way. It is through the grace of God and His mercies that we can be humble, courageous, prayerful, and pure in heart.

"If my people....**shall** humble themselves." It says **shall**, and that suggests that there is a choice that is made by the person who is going into humility. Humility is God-given, but we choose humility when we humble ourselves and ask God to forgive us for not honoring Jesus and giving Him the glory and praise that is due Him. We must seek God continually.

"If my people are willing, if my people **shall** humble themselves and pray." The human in us is reluctant and hesitant to strive for humility. The price required to be humble in the spiritual world involves self-denial, dying daily, taking the cross and following.

How did Israel humble themselves? How do we humble ourselves? One way to humble ourselves is to admit our sins and confess our faults one to another that we may be healed. I believe there is quite a need for confessing where we have talked about people, where we have criticized people and made wrong choices. (It is easy to do these things isn't it?) We make the choice of what we want instead of God's will. If we have, we must ask for forgiveness. It is by His grace that we are forgiven. Then, humility is attained by humbling ourselves and confessing our weaknesses and faults and things that we have said and done that were out of order. We must have brokenness, yieldedness and a surrender of all to make restitutions. Is it possible to be humble if we haven't made restitutions to all the people we have wounded? Is it possible to get into humility if we have talked about anyone critically or negatively? Is it possible for humility to get into us if we have made an estimation of someone or judged him or her, or if we have found fault?

He said, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, **and pray**. . ." When we humble ourselves before God, it benefits us in several ways. From this scripture, we see that humility is urgent and helps open the door to prayer. Unless we have a humble spirit, it is difficult for us to pray and to get in before the throne and have the glory fall upon us.

In Ezekiel 22:30, God said that there wasn't one man in Israel that would stand in the hedge and make up the gap for the land. He couldn't find one. There were maybe two to five million and He couldn't find any. But you see, humility was required before they could get to that gap. Isn't that tremendous? They were precious people, but He couldn't find any with the humility to stand in the gap and make up the hedge. "If my people shall humble themselves." Humility is a great requirement. O, it is urgent. It is a tremendous thing and more than I can see or comprehend.

**Not only are we to humble ourselves and pray, but God said we are to turn from our wicked ways.** Have you ever considered how many wicked ways there are within us? In Luke 9:46, some dear ones were discussing who was the greatest among them. How many spiritual miles is that from true humility? How far are we from it if we want to know who among us is really somebody? It said they reasoned among themselves. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall **humble** themselves." How hard does our heart have to be to keep us from coming to humility? The scriptures say, "They considered not the miracle of the loaves and fishes because their hearts were hardened." (Mark 6:52) They were with Jesus when all these wonderful things took place, but they considered them not because of the hardness of their hearts.

We must be aware every moment that we are living near the place of temptation for the flesh to take control and make a plan or program or an arrangement. If God isn't leading, it's not so good. It doesn't work too well.

"That He might present unto Himself a glorious church." (Ephesians 5:27) How much humility is required before we can be in the glorious church? How much humility is required in our lives consistently before we can ascend to the glorious church? We are not to have a spot or wrinkle. If we do, can humility dwell within our heart? We are to humble ourselves and in this humbling we are closely associated to the glorious church. We are to be holy and without blemish. Humility is by the mercy and grace of God. It is a gift of God. Each person in the glorious church is full of humility. They all deny themselves and die daily every step of the way. The glorious church is the goal. That is where Jesus is lifted up. Jesus said, "If my peo-

ple.", and He said, "If I be lifted up. . ." They both start with "if" don't they? If my people will humble themselves and if my people will lift me up. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me."

What are some of the impediments to humility that are within us? The Word says, "Judge not, lest ye be judged." Is it possible to be humble if we have judged the weaknesses of others, their faithlessness or prayerlessness? It seems to me that we need to ask one another's forgiveness in order to be a people that are humble, broken and yielded.

A lot of people put the emphasis on knowledge, but sometimes the more we know, the more we are prevented from pursuing brokenness, yieldedness and childlikeness. For Jesus said that unless we be converted and become like a little child, we shall in no case enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 18:3) To become as a little child is utter dependence upon God. Utter dependence is an open door to humility. I would that we could perceive it and hold it in our heart because the flesh will draw back from it.

When we plan and arrange in the flesh without the leading of the Holy Spirit and the guidance of God, right then we cease following. It's a narrow path, isn't it? It is so easy for us to stray into self-will and self-assertiveness, but we need to cry out for mercy because no self-assertiveness can get into humility, (or humility into it).

There cannot be any self-assertiveness in humility. I have to deny myself all of the time or I will make certain choices and plans that I want. We are kept from humility by making plans and arrangements. It seems to me dear ones, that when we make the plans or arrangements without the leading of the Holy Spirit we just then cease following Jesus. We need to ask Him to forgive us for going ahead of Him and fixing things to suit us, for figuring things out and for analyzing the circumstances. Isn't that something to consider? Is it possible for the heart that makes a plan to pursue humility at the same time? Can humility dwell within us if we make a carnal plan or an arrangement of our own about something we wanted to attain, reveal, or share.

Another impediment is foolishness. There is no foolishness in humility. In the seventh chapter of Mark's gospel, verses 20 through 23, Jesus said, "That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within, and defile the man." So we see from this passage that Jesus put foolishness right in with adultery and fornication. How far are we from humility when

we are foolish and try to make an impression by telling a funny joke to get attention? How much humility can dwell in our heart when we have a joking, jesting spirit?

Foolishness is the enemy of humility. Jesting and joking in the flesh is the opposite of humility. If we jest and joke in the flesh and find fault, it prevents us from being humble. We must be cleansed of these elements of the carnal nature or we will fall into joking, jesting and teasing. A lot of people tease and they think it is fun. We need to confess where we have been foolish and have tried to get attention and something for ourselves. This is the opposite of self-denial. We need to make confession and get all of this wickedness out of us by the blood of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit and the truth. In the seventeenth chapter of St. John, Jesus said, "I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified. Thy word is truth. That they all may become one as the Father and the Son are one, perfect in one, that the world may know that God has sent Jesus into the world." Hallelujah! I need Him constantly.

So we see that there are certain things that keep us from humility. What things draw us closer to humility and help us to abide there? God said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind and with all thy strength and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Unless we love God with all of our heart and our neighbor as ourselves, we can't get to humility. This comes by waiting on God daily.

Revelation 12:11 says, "And they overcame the devil by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony." We witness to people as we tell about how Jesus saved us and how God has been merciful to us, a sinner saved by the blood of Jesus and the mercies of God. As we witness, it gives Jesus the glory and praise for our salvation and it helps much in our pursuit of humility and in its formation in us. (That touches my heart a little bit.)

The Holy Spirit will draw souls when we talk to them about Jesus. We don't want to press them to come to Jesus. Humility puts no pressure on anyone. Everyone needs to be saved. II Peter 3:9 says that it is not God's will that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But if we press them too much without them being sufficiently drawn by God to the place of birth, they are born prematurely. We could press them too soon by just a matter of a few seconds or hours, weeks, or years.

He said, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves...", that is, pay the

price, die out. St. Paul said, "I die daily." Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself." (Matt. 16:24) If we don't deny ourselves, then self will get in there and assert itself. Is it possible to be a humble people if we don't die daily? How much is daily death to self required in order to humble ourselves? It is through death to self that we come, by God's grace, to the point where humility can trickle into our hearts. Is it possible for humility to flow into our hearts if we don't take time to deny ourselves, and if we don't ask one another's forgiveness? Is it possible for me to get into humility or for humility to get into me or to you without a continual life of self-denial? If we have been self-assertive, is it possible for humility to be within us that we might come to the place of prayer?

We must press into this. Jesus said that every man preseth into the kingdom of heaven. "He that endureth to the end, shall be saved." (Matthew 10:22) Can we enter the kingdom of heaven without obedience? Praise the Lord.

How much of the cross do we have to bear in order to be a humble people? Jesus said, "...one must deny himself, and take up his cross..." How much self-denial does it require to come to the cross, to assume the cross? The cross is an instrument of death upon which self is crucified and slain, so that God can have His way and we can do His will. How much of the cross must we experience in order for humility to come into us? Sometimes we take up the cross and then we lay it down. We lay it down because we don't take time to resist the devil and do God's will. We lay down the cross because we fail to witness. (We are supposed to witness to that person at the grocery store or the drug store or the garage, the department store or the next door neighbor or the person up the street or in a car or in a bus or a train or a plane.) If we fail to witness as we should we have to say right away, "O Lord, forgive me. I did not obey you." We have to do that before humility can be in us. You see, it is a narrow path. It is a bright way and it is a dying to self or we will lay down the cross and not witness. We will fail to die daily. We will not witness or praise Him enough or pray enough.

How can humility get into you or me unless we are willing to let Him have His way with us and maintain the cross? The urge of self-assertiveness is so strong in mortals that we will make the choice and humility will depart from us. Humility is first and foremost in order to get into prayer and intercession. We humble ourselves by dying daily, by denying constantly time after time after time, which involves witnessing, praising Him, and doing God's will. When we deny ourselves we are obedient. When we don't deny ourselves constantly, we are disobedient. "Let him deny himself, take up his cross and fol-

low. . ." How far is it from the cross to following? Where does following begin in the cross? Is following a part of the cross? The following is as we carry the cross and are slain of this carnal nature, this inbred sin nature. Unless we are cleansed of this inbred sin nature, we cannot embrace the cross. The slightest bit of carnality, criticism or judgement doesn't go with the cross. They are as far from each other as the North Pole is from the South.

It takes the Lord's mercies to help us enter humility. The requirement is to die daily before humility can be in us. We want to consider the urgency of what Jesus said to all of the crowd and the disciples, that in order to be His disciple, a person must deny themselves and not do what they want or like or what is best for them or most advantageous.

So many of us seek to save ourselves. He said, "He that will seek to save his life will lose it." My burden for many, many years has been that we seek to save ourselves by making our own plans, choices and arrangements. "But he that will lose his life..." We must lose our life to find it. Can we find it without humility? We know that it is by His mercies that we give our heart to Jesus, then yield and humble ourselves in order to begin to lose our lives and let His will be dominant. In order for us to be a humble people, we must do the will of God. Praise the Lord. We want to praise Him because He is able to help us.

So as we follow, we maintain the cross by God's mercy and through many times of denying ourselves. It seems like it is "All the way my Savior leads me. What have I to ask beside? Can I doubt His tender mercies, who through life has been my guide?" We must yield because the guidance comes through the grace and mercy of God. That is, as we humble ourselves and pray. Unless we are willing to deny ourselves and die daily, assuming the cross, and doing what God says to do, we can't follow Jesus. He said after we take the cross we are to follow Him. The cross is preceded by continual self-denial.

When we tell people they have eternal life, we need to also tell them that they need to follow the teachings of Jesus from the time they are converted so they will deny themselves and die daily. This is what Jesus said in Matthew, Mark and Luke. Denying ourselves is a requisite of following. Humility is a requisite of prayer. O, how we need this. The flesh in us won't want to do this or accept this. The carnal in us won't accept it and the reprobate in us will deter it and will not have anything to do with it. We have to cry out to be delivered from all carnality of the reprobate mind, so that the mind that was in Christ Jesus may be in us. When we are privileged to have the mind of Jesus, it helps us in the life of humility. Jesus is the way to humility. He is the way, the truth

and the life. (No one comes to the Father except through Jesus Christ. And no man comes to Jesus without the drawing of the Father.)

I feel that I am the least and neediest of all. We are so thankful for all of our loved ones in all places that hold us up to the throne because we are just here by the mercies of God. I am just breathing and living by His mercies and His truth. The devil is a liar and the father of it. He is going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. We have to resist the devil. "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony." O God, deliver me from the devil, the powers of hell and the demons that are raging. The powers of hell don't want us to become a humble people. They don't want us to be broken and turn from our wicked ways. We are not aware sometimes of the many things within us because we didn't die daily to deny ourselves. We must follow Jesus — and that is by God's grace and mercy in humility and prayer and seeking His face and turning from our wicked ways. God will answer our earnest, humble prayer for mercy. Then He will save us from our sins and heal our land.

I haven't gotten to all of the various hemispheres of humility. It is not easily grasped or lived, but we don't want to be discouraged. We want to thank the Lord for the truth.

May you be encouraged, all of you, and not be troubled. This is a little humble truth and I know I am so needy. I am the neediest one maybe of all of you. We know that we can do nothing without Him. I know I can't do anything. I can't pray, preach, witness or do anything without Him — every heartbeat and every step I take is by His grace. Everything I can think in balance, in trueness, in accuracy and in thoughtfulness of others comes from Him.

Praise the Lord, for His mercy endureth forever. May you be encouraged. May you be lifted. Thank you for praying for us. Our need is tremendous. Thank you for the supplications, petitions, prayers, intercession, travailing. "For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." (Isaiah 66:8) "For the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth." (Isaiah 37:3)

We thank the Lord for each of you and your prayers and support. We appreciate all of you that have sacrificed. Many of you have sacrificed to help us, and we feel so unworthy of all of it. We want to express gratitude.

In Jesus' name,

*Loran W. Helm*

Loran W. Helm

Rev. Helm wanted the following letters included for your encouragement and help, giving God all the praise, glory, honor and thanks.

Dear Rev. Helm,

The meetings at Parker Christ Fellowship, Sunday the 25th, were such a high and serious time. I know I have a very small appreciation and grasp of what God was doing and saying, and of the eternal significance of the message.

I needed the message! It was urgent that we hear, that the light of truth presented should be penetrating and illuminating the areas of our compromise and prayerlessness, of self-will and self-assertiveness. We may cover over, and excuse hidden thoughts and actions, but there will be no excuse before Almighty God. I was convicted and instructed yet again, and I am not satisfied with myself and the condition of my heart.

Surely God is longing and seeking for a pure people - souls that will make up the hedge and stand in the gap; those who will be alert, ready, pure, committed, having total obedience with total dying; those who are ready at all times, with their lamps trimmed, following closely. Lest we disappoint, fail and grieve Him and miss our appointment and fall from our post of duty.

Thank you for your faithfulness as God's watchman to keep warning and instructing us over and over. I for one do not want to continue to be the same, but to reach forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. I am weak, but He is strong.

We love you and dear Florence and pray for you and believe the best is yet to come. The greatest days for you are just ahead.

Love, Jo Anne Redding

Dearest Ones,

Although we have not had the privilege of your fellowship for some time, you are often thought of and prayed for. We will forever be in debt to you for your love and care over the years. You have provided a wonderful example for all of us to follow. I trust the Lord for strength and mercy to keep pressing forward to victory. In spite of the many battles and temptations, my heart cries out to fulfill God's will. I do not want to waste the precious time and life the Lord has granted me. Although I can't change the mistakes of the past, by God's grace, I am pressing forward in hopes of victory for the future.

I have been receiving many contacts and letters from police officers as they are requesting counsel and prayer for decisions about leaving law enforcement. They are seeking some other occupation or in some cases, some form of ministry. I have tried to encourage each one of them to go slow and to seek the Lord in prayer and fasting. I am very careful in providing anyone guidance and often direct them to scripture for promises and answers. By God's grace, I have been able to help some of them along the way. In part, what I am doing is an extension of your ministry. Your wisdom and spiritual leadership paved the way for me, and by God's grace, I have endeavored to encourage other officers as well. Many of them are discouraged due to the increasing demands and difficulties of police work.

I am still serving as the national chaplain for the National Association of Chiefs of Police and continue to write articles for police officers from a biblical perspective. Although the publication is secular in nature, I have been getting responses where many officers are blessed and encouraged. I am not a great writer by any means, but the officers do relate to what I say as I speak from the heart as a cop. I have enclosed a copy of the most recent article. I am amazed at the times my articles coincide with the main theme of the magazine without consulting with the publishers. I give Jesus all of the glory for anything that might be accomplished.

Both of you are loved. I miss you, love you dearly and respect you more than you know. Please don't give up on me and keep me in your prayers.

In Jesus' love and service,  
Chief Jack Rinchich, "Cops for Christ"

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Rev. Helm,

Greetings in Jesus' Name. Love and care to you, Mrs. Helm and all the family.

We are enjoying greatly our journey through A Voice in the Wilderness. It seems as though what you are teaching us is grounding us in the faith. Our roots are going deeper in the things of God. We are so blessed to have the Kingdom principles God has taught you through the years. Your life shared in this book is of great help to anyone who desires to walk with Jesus. I really believe its influence in the lives of believers will continue to increase more and more until Jesus comes!

Thank you for the selfless way you have shown God's love through your giving, caring heart. May He bless you always.

Love from Clinton,  
Joe, Judy and all those at Christ Fellowship

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Helm,

I give God praise that I have legs to walk on, a hand to write with. I am trying not to take things for granted, although I know I do. Thank you Jesus for privileging me somehow out of all the millions on earth to have lived to know your salvation, through your precious blood, the blood of Jesus our lord and redeemer and creator. Praise Him for all of the good things and for the things that are little, or seem little. Amen.

May God bless you and hold you close to His bosom.

Yours in Christ,  
Richard Sanchez

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Dear Ones in Jesus,

Praise God. We had such a great time of review last night in our prayer meeting. If you had not been faithful none of us would have been in this place, including our pastor. Pastor would not be on the radio. He would not be writing the Call to Obedience. These are specific things we reviewed and it was so great how the Lord helped. We all owe you so much (we praise you for that Jesus).

I was thinking again this morning how you prayed for my heart. You did not know that my grandfather died when he was seventy from a heart attack or that my mother had by-pass surgery in October. God is so good. He loves us so much. May all of your burdens be lifted and the afflictions gone. I sure love you.

Your daughter in Jesus,  
Barbara Hicks

## **SPECIAL NOTICE**

Rev. Emory Reece wishes to sincerely thank all of you who have responded within the past several months to the requests regarding financial support to Rev. Helm and the ministry of Revival for Our Day. Your response has been wonderful and the overall giving has increased significantly. This is a tremendous help and encouragement.

Your recent giving has helped to make up for some of the shortfall of previous months in 1998. Thank you for your sacrifice and support of Rev. Helm and his ministry. Indeed, those of you who receive this letter are a major part of the ministry.

We believe the best is yet ahead as we continue together to obey God and seek first His kingdom. Thank you for your obedience to God in giving. Please continue to offer your support as the Lord lays it upon your hearts. May God return it to you several times over.

## **MAILING LIST UPDATE**

Since our last request for help in updating our mailing list for the newsletter, we have received some address corrections and dozens of requests to be added to the list.

We are making a concerted effort in the coming months. If you would like to be included in our mailing list to receive this newsletter at your home, please let us know by writing to:

Revival For Our Day, Inc.  
P.O. Box 482  
Parker City, Indiana 47368

Thank you.

# Revival For Our Day

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To the followers of Jesus Christ, greetings in the Holy Ghost,

John 12:24 says, "**Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.**" I was preaching one time in Hopewell and I mentioned about corn on a cob. The janitor of the church there went out to his corncrib the next day and got a pretty good-sized ear of corn. (Every ear of corn has 14, 16, or 18 rows. It is always an even number of rows on an ear of corn, never an odd number.) He said he counted the grains of corn on the ear and said there were 840 grains on the one ear. One kernel fell into the soil and died and from its roots came 840 times itself. What a blessing. Now if corn will produce like that, why couldn't mortals bring forth severally?

Now let's leave that verse and come down to verse thirty-two in the twelfth chapter of John. These are the words of Jesus the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Ancient of Days, the Everlasting Father, the Counselor, the Mighty God, the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, the Bright and the Morning Star, Shiloh Come. He said this, "**And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me.**" It is conditional. Every promise has a condition and a consequence when the choice is made. There are two "lifts" — one was to the cross on Golgatha and the other lift is by a holy body. Ephesians 5:27 says, "**That He might present to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish.**" The second lift is that of a holy body, a pure and humble people. Only as we are broken, yielded and obedient can we lift Him. That He might present to Himself a *glorious* church — a glorious, victorious, shining church! ...not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish! O, what a wonder.

He said, **if I be lifted up.** A spiritual body of believers is anywhere that obedience and purity abounds. When holiness and oneness is present in that body, He will draw all men there. Not a part of men, not most of men, but **all** men. That has not occurred yet, but it can, if the body is willing to pay the price.

The formula for paying this price is in II Chronicles 7:14 which says, "**If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.**" He didn't say the Pharisees, the Sadducees, or the Amorites,

Amalakites or Philistines. He said, "**If my people...**" Who are God's people? The seed of Abraham, those that believe in Jesus Christ, those that have left all. His people are they that have forsaken all and left all. He said, "**Except you forsake all, ye cannot be my disciple.**" (Luke 14:33) Except we forsake all, leave all, unless we do this, we cannot be His disciples.

God's people are a happy and blessed people. They are loving and longsuffering, understanding, and compassionate. He said, "**If my people, which are called by my name...**" Are you His? Does He lead you? There is something there that is very unusual. God's people are called by His name. "**If my people, which are mine, will be willing to humble themselves...**" How do we humble ourselves? By confession, by asking people to forgive us for our weaknesses, our faults, our shortcomings, and saying that we haven't been as faithful as we should. He said, "**If they will humble themselves.**" He was very disappointed. He said in Deuteronomy 5:29, "**O that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them and with their children forever.**" See He was disappointed.

God said, "**I sought for a man among them that would stand in the hedge and make up the gap before me for the land that I should not destroy it, but I found none.**" (Ezekiel 22:30) He said He found how many? None. How disappointed was God when He couldn't find one in three to five million of His own people? He couldn't find one intercessor that was faithful and true and holy and pure and compassionate? How does that strike you? How does that touch you? How does that challenge us, you and me? That He sought for one soul that would pay the price in humility, brokenness, obedience, and that would trust Him with all of their heart and not lean to their own understanding; who would acknowledge Him in all of their ways that He might direct their path, and He couldn't find any. Has it changed in the last few thousand years? Has it changed in the last hundred years? When He looks into our hearts, what does He see? When we humble ourselves, we know and confess that we have come far short and haven't prayed as we should nor witnessed when we could have at the grocery store, filling station, drugstore or pharmacy. We know we have made choices in the flesh and are sorry and want God's forgiveness.

He said, "**If my people shall humble themselves...**" If we would. If we were willing to really, truly humble ourselves. How many times in your life as you look back have you humbled yourself? We need to ask one another's forgiveness for where we have talked about someone, thought something we shouldn't have or for where we were critical.

Once I was in the men's room while at the Greenbrier and a black gentleman who had worked there for over thirty years said hello to me. I said, "Praise the Lord," and he asked me, "Are you a servant?" I said, "Just the least one that Jesus has." His name was Happy Hill. He said, "You know, I really need to talk to you." I said, "My brother, I would be happy to try." He said, "Let's go in the dining room." So he took me to the second dining room and I began to share with him out of my heart, just letting the Lord lead me and tears started running down his cheeks. He was a beautiful person. He said, "I am the head elder under the bishop in our church. Would you come and tell our congregation what you have just told me? I have never known this before and I have been in the church for years and years and didn't know it was sin to say a critical word about someone." Jesus said to judge not. If we have judged we have disobeyed. It is a natural thing for us to find fault or to see the weaknesses of others, to mention it to someone or to just have it in our heart. My brother was weeping and saying that he had never realized how serious it was to find fault and to criticize. He said, "Please come and tell our people, would you?" It took me six years to get to that church.

When I arrived there, I preached in the seventeenth chapter of St. John where Jesus said, "**I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified. Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth. That they may be one as the Father and the Son are one.**" When I got finished with that sermon, this beautifully dressed man arose and said, "The sermon that was just preached here this morning was the very sermon this congregation needed." I was six years getting there. Sometimes as we keep pressing, we will get there. It's by humbling ourselves and it is by His grace that we can get there. If we will only say, "Lord, forgive me. Take all of this evil out of me."

The verse that really struck me when I was first converted sixty-six years ago this January, is Matthew 7:13, 14, which says, "**Enter ye in at the straight gate: For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go in thereat: because straight is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**" Before my conversion I didn't see this at all. In fact I didn't enjoy church very much. I was in church every Sunday and every prayer meeting and all revivals. The Helm boys went to church whether they wanted to or not. In fact they said in our community that the Helm brothers would never get their degree from high school because we were taken to church so much that we didn't have time to study at home. I was to be in church. There weren't any ifs, ands or buts about it. If my father and mother were going, I was going. Lots of times we do things we don't really enjoy. I went to

church all those years. In fact, I was the janitor of the Methodist church here in this town when I was thirteen years old. I would go over and dust and sweep. I'd say, "Mother, I have dusted so much and it looks like the dust is back." I bought a bicycle with the money the church gave me for being the janitor. I rang the bell at nine and nine-thirty. One would tell me to put the window up and another would tell me to put it down. I learned you can't please people.

**"Because straight is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."** What? Does it say that? That is what really got me when I was not quite seventeen years old. I lacked two weeks of being seventeen when I was converted. I prayed all my life. My mother had me praying at nine months. She said there were words I could articulate so she had me pray. Our family had prayer. But when I found this scripture after my conversion, I was smitten. I was alarmed. I was amazed. I was astonished that He said only a few will find it. He said, "**He that will find His life shall lose it. But He that will lose his life for my sake and the gospel's shall find it.**" (Matt: 10:39)

How do we lose our life for His sake? The first step is dying daily. St. Paul said, "**I die daily.**" (I Corinthians 15:31) We lose our lives by dying daily and then denying self. Unless we die to ourselves we will not deny ourselves. When Peter told Jesus that He wouldn't have to go to the cross in Mark 8:32, Jesus rebuked him. What is it within a man that would rebuke the Creator of the universe? He was with God from the foundations of the world, and Peter rebuked Him. But when Jesus had turned about, He looked on His disciples and He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get thee behind me Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men." (Mark 8:33)

And when He had called the people unto Him with His disciples, He said, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself." That is, die daily, deny self and not make our own plans. The instant you and I make a plan or an arrangement in the self-life without the leading of the Holy Spirit, we then cease following Jesus. When you and I make a plan or an arrangement on our own, we cease following Him and we start toward the self-assertive life, which is the opposite of denying self. He said whoever would be His disciple, let him, let her deny herself, and take up her cross and follow. Jesus was speaking to His disciples and the people around them. "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it." My burden for the church, for sixty years, has been that so many of us are trying to save ourselves. We are trying to work it out, analyze it and get something going. We are trying to save ourselves by what we want and what we like and what we think is easiest and best and most beneficial and the simplest, so we don't get into complications. But

He states here that we are to lose our lives to find them. Jesus said that whosoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

Jesus said, **“If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father, which is in Heaven.”** It just takes two. That word “agree” in Hebrew means, “weld”. In order to weld something, you have to have like substance with purity. Whatsoever two like this shall ask, and agree, it shall be done for them of the Father in Heaven.

Now back to II Chronicles 7. “If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray...” Humility, asking one another's forgiveness and asking God to be merciful to us sinners. I was praying with a saint the other day, who said, “You know, I am just a sinner.” I said, “Me too.” I am just a sinner saved only by the blood of the Lamb and the grace and mercy of God. I am nothing. **“If a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.”** (Galatians 6:3)

Now let's go to Jeremiah 17:9, which says, **“The heart is deceitful above all things...”** There isn't anything more deceitful than the human heart. As soon as we are disobedient, deception works right into us. As soon as we find fault with anybody, deception just tumbles right into us. If we complain about anyone, we open up our hearts to deception and we live in deception. That is why He hasn't been lifted up yet. A body hasn't lifted him up because there is contention in hearts and difference of opinion. I heard one of the great preachers say some time ago that if you get thirteen Baptists in a room, you will have thirteen different ideas. But Jesus said that His people, if they are sanctified, become one. They are like-minded. They all speak the same thing and there is no division among them. That is I Corinthians 1:10. **“Now I beseech you brethren by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you. But that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”** That is the body that is able to lift up Jesus Christ. The body of Christ is one. They all speak the same thing. There is no division. They are perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment!

That is the body of the Church of Jesus Christ that glows without spot or wrinkle, without blemish and goes forth as lights in the world! **“If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.”** (I John 1:7) And we go forth in humility and brokenness saying, “I prefer my brother or my sister more than myself.” We become givers, compassionate ones. Praise the Lord. Isn't Jesus wonderful, the Word of

God marvelous? He said if He would be lifted He would draw all the people. We wouldn't need any crusades or man-arranged revivals. He would draw the people by the Holy Spirit through a people of oneness, holiness, truth, humility and utter dependence upon Him as a little child. He said, “I will draw them.” All of them, not some of them or most of them.

**“...and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”** “If my people are willing.” But the heart of man is deceitful. Therefore we have to pray that God would be merciful to us.

In Luke 9:43-45 it says, **“And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered every one at all things, which Jesus did, he said unto His disciples, ‘Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men.’ But they understood not this saying, and it was hid from them, that they perceived it not: and they feared to ask Him of that saying.”** Then something very unusual occurred. Verse 46 goes on to say, **“Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest.”** What? You mean people who were supposed to be God's people were discussing among themselves who was the greatest? That is as far from humility as you can go. Are we like that? It said, **“There arose a reasoning among the disciples which of them should be the greatest. And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by Him. And said unto them, Whoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.”** He that is willing to become like a little child in utter dependence and obedience is the great one. It's not in our abilities, talents or gifts, but whosoever will humble himself as a little child. This is the greatest. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah! Thank you Jesus.

Have we found how our hearts are? In verse 49, John answered, **“Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and we forbad him, because he followeth not with us.”** They told Jesus this. In other words, they said, **“We met a man who was casting out devils and we told him he was out of order.”** **“And Jesus said to Him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us.”** Those that are for Jesus are those who are called by His name, who are willing to humble themselves. If we will pray and make our confessions, ask Jesus to forgive us of our shortcomings, where we have not prayed as we should and witnessed as we could, He will forgive us if we will humble ourselves and pray and turn from our wicked ways. He said His people have wicked ways. The heart is deceitful above all

things and desperately wicked. That is why we have to walk with Him constantly as His precious blood is applied. It is through His blood applied to our heart that we can be pure. Isn't that wonderful, that as we plead the blood from morning to night and give Him all the glory we can be shining lights in the world and no longer criticize and judge people, but be compassionate, long-suffering, tender, gentle and kind with all peoples of the world? "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me."

When I was twenty-five years of age I preached that we are living in reverse. Instead of seeking first the Kingdom, we seek our own interests, desires and aspirations. That is why we are living in reverse. It was at Mt. Carmel Methodist Church. My wife sat with me there when I preached and it frightened her so badly. She said she never wanted to sit and face the congregation again while I was preaching because she didn't know people looked at me like that. I am thankful that you people here don't look at me like that. But in most all churches that I preached in for a number of years, people looked at me in such a way that was scary. Do you know what I mean? I so appreciate that I don't see hardly anyone like that here, especially when I am preaching so close. Because we are to preach the word of God, and it says only a few will find it. It also says that we are to strive to enter in at the straight gate, for many shall seek to enter in and will not be able. And He said to one group, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? We have preached in thy name, we have cast out devils in thy name, we have done all of these wonderful works, miracles and marvels. And then will I profess unto them, Depart from me ye workers of iniquity, I never knew you." (Matthew 7:22, 23) This is what Jesus said. I didn't say it.

Now go to Luke 13:23-24, where it says, "Then said one unto Him, "Lord, are there few that be saved? And He said unto them, Strive to enter in at the straight gate, for many I say unto you will seek to enter in and shall not be able." Isn't it tremendous? Are there just a few that will be saved? They were wondering. Jesus went on to say in verse 25, "When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are." (To the group in Matthew 7 he says He never knew them. To this group He says He knows them not.)

There is yet a third group the Bible speaks about that, because they received not the knowledge of the truth, God will send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie and be damned because they received not the knowledge of the truth and had pleasure in unrighteousness. So here are three groups that thought they were saved but were

lost. He said if He would be lifted up He would draw all men unto Him. Praise the Lord. We thank Him and we praise Him.

Now to Luke 9:51 which says, "And it came to pass, when the time was come that He should be received up, he steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before His face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive Him because His face was as though He would go to Jerusalem. And when His disciples saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, even as Elias did? But He turned and rebuked them and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of." The reflection of the heart. The revelation of what we can be like sometimes. Jesus said we are not to be that way. Because when we are Christ's people, instead of wanting to call fire down or something awful, we love and help them. We encourage them. We bring them on wings of prayer and we are thoughtful of them instead of wanting to bring fire down upon them. The heart is deceitful above all things. It is desperately wicked. So if we do not do God's will, but do our own will instead, the deception pours into us and we are unaware of it. But through the grace of God and the Holy Spirit, He can reveal it to us so that we will not do our will, but do His will. All in His will love everyone as He loves us. For He said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." I can't love as He loves unless all of the carnality and evil is crucified and purged out of me. We can't love as Jesus loves if we are carnal, and yet that is His command; that we love as He loves us.

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me." "And we shall be like Him." We shall be by the grace of God and the blood of the Lamb, like Jesus, in understanding, tenderness, and of a gentle spirit. It is wonderful to meet someone with a tender, gentle spirit isn't it? A spirit of rejoicing, of thanksgiving. It is rather strange sometimes to carnal people. It is inviting. It helps them. It lifts them. They say, "This is what I am looking for. I am looking for persons that love everybody, who understand and are compassionate, who want to walk in the light as He is in the light, to have fellowship one with another, that the blood of Jesus Christ His Son may cleanse from all sin." Praise the Lord. Hallelujah! Glory to God!

Now go to Mark 6:52, which says, "For they (the apostles) considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened." Then in Mark 8:17 it says, "Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? Perceive ye not yet, neither understand? Have ye your heart yet hardened?" He said their heart was hard in the sixth chapter then He tells them in the eighth chapter that their

heart is yet hardened. Their hearts did not perceive nor understand because their hearts were hardened. When does hardness of the heart appear? Why is hardness in the heart? "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear. Then He will answer prayer. Then He will save the land. He will heal the land and save the people. Praise the Lord. He asked them if their hearts were yet hardened. If their hearts were prone to be hardened, how hard is my heart or your heart? And we won't know it unless by revelation.

We can rejoice and praise Him because His blood avails and cleanses us. The Holy Spirit comes upon us and cleanses us and fills us with His love, His presence, His power, His glory, His concern for souls and for the Kingdom of God to come on earth, so that He will be lifted up and all men will be saved for His glory, for His praise and for His honor! Hallelujah!

Just as soon as we become one, by the grace of God, humbling ourselves, making all of our restitutions and all of our confessions and all that is required in the spiritual law of humility, then we can come to Him and He will indwell us and His light will go forth and He will draw all men to Him, for the glory of God in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Thank you Lord, for all of these dear ones here and for all their prayers. We thank you that, by thy mercies, we are saved through thy blood and that Jesus would be lifted up by a people who are holy and pure; where there is no division and where they all speak the same thing; where they are perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. Then you will descend with your Holy Spirit and bring them in and a great latter rain could fall on the earth just before thy coming. Thy coming is soon. You told me that on October 3, 1942 in Knoxville, Tennessee, that your coming, Jesus, was soon. But since you told me that it has only been an hour and a few minutes. "For a day with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day." So even though these fifty plus years have passed, it has only been a short time, just an hour and thirty to fifty minutes since you revealed to me that your coming is soon. You said, "When I come again, will I find faith on the earth?" That is lives of obedience to thee, lives of rejoicing in thee, lives that love all the peoples of the world as you love us and are of one mind, rejoicing, going forth as lights in the world, holding high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss.

Do you sense in your heart that you would like to ask Jesus to forgive you for failing to witness where you should, where we have talked about people, where we have said things we shouldn't. Say, O God sanctify me that I might be a sanctified vessel, that I can get my heart clean and

pure by thy mercies and through thy blood. And Lord, I come to you; I am the neediest of all. O Lord, Hallelujah. Praise thee Jesus for your mercy to us. Because as soon as we are one as the Father and the Son are one, you will come and draw all men unto the Kingdom. We won't have to have crusades and revival plans to do it. You will do it when your people become obedient to thee and do always thy will. Your people are never offended at anything. All carnal people are offended at the truth, or situations or conditions. So thank you for the blood of Jesus, for the Holy Spirit, for thy Kingdom coming, thy will being done, in earth as it is in heaven. Thank you for this precious people. Thank you Lord that you are able to save anyone that will repent. You said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." So we have to turnaround and repent and ask you to forgive us of all of our shortcomings, weaknesses, judging spirits, wanting this and not wanting that, and for you to cleanse it out of us that we might become like little children, a holy people, depending on you with thanksgiving and praise to thee our Father for sending Jesus, your only begotten Son, to save all of us and to cleanse us and sanctify us so that we can be a holy body, pure and undefiled before the Throne. In Jesus' name.

At this special time of year, Florence and I want to wish you a most blessed and holy holiday season. We love each one of you and thank God for you. We trust that you had a blessed Christmas. This is a time to celebrate the birth of the King. We pray that your celebration of the birth of Jesus our Savior was full of cheer and joy. May your burdens be lifted and your hearts be filled with the love of Jesus in this holiday season.

We want to take this opportunity to express once again that you are important to this ministry and, by God's grace, each one of you has brightened our lives in some way. We praise the Lord for how He has helped us through the years to find so many of you by His leading and revelation. We enjoy reading your letters of help, lift, encouragement and victories won. We feel so deeply in debt to Jesus for all those that have sacrificed and prayed for us. May God richly bless you as you look forward to a New Year's beginnings and we pray that it might be a year of spiritual prospering.

We trust you will find encouragement in the Holy Spirit. May God's grace and peace be with you during the holidays and throughout the New Year.

In Jesus' Name,

*Loran W. Helm*

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The following letters are included for you encouragement. Brother Helm wants you to be sure to give God all the glory for the letters and the Holy Spirit for all things given as this is not man's, but the Lord's.

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Dear Brother Helm and Florence:

Bruce and I had a wonderful vacation in Florida. What made it extra special was the opportunity to be with the Schultze's, Florence and Joyce. The week before Pastor and Marcia were scheduled to fly to Florida, I told Bruce I was going on sabbatical. I told him some of my plans about this sabbatical - but that it would be at home. I was not planning to go anywhere - I was just planning a sabbatical. Isn't it just like Jesus to add surprises and change plans? When I called Bruce at work he at first could not recognize my voice because of my elation! Jesus did give me a sabbatical or rest, hope, care and thrills. I was so helped by seeing the ocean again and seeing the seagulls.

I sure wish you would have been there with us! Bruce and I were honored to be with Florence and Joyce. We are blessed! While in Florida I was able to finish our Prayer and Fasting Bible Study.

We only have two more classes to teach with the women of our church. Tomorrow I am going to talk on the topic: "One." The class has already listened to an audiotape entitled "One" by Pastor Schultze. There is ONE earth, ONE heaven, ONE faith, ONE body, ONE hope, and ONE baptism...(Eph. 4) What is in the word ONE?

Did you know only ONE person (Edward Kimball) witnessed to D.L. Moody and led him to Christ? Did you know only ONE D.L. Moody preached ONE message in England that brought salvation to: Stanley Smith. Stanley Smith was ONE of the "Cambridge Seven." These seven men were called to God's service: William Cassels, Stanley Smith, C.T. Studd, Arthur Polhill-Turner, Montagu Beauchamp, and Dixon Hoste. What is in ONE?

Did you know only ONE man by the name of Christian Wolfkes had ONE vision to convert a Jew to Christ? Christina Wolfkes prayed to win a Jew to Christ. His first converted Jew was Richard Wurmbrand. What is in ONE?

In Point Man, Steve Farar tells the story of George McCluskey who married and started a family. He decided to invest ONE hour a day in prayer, because he wanted his kids to follow Christ. After a time, he expanded his prayers to include his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Every day between 11 AM and noon, he prayed for the next three generations. As the years went by, his two daughters committed their lives to Christ and

married men who went into full-time ministry. The two couples produced four girls and ONE boy. Each of the girls married a minister and the boy became a pastor.

The first two children born to this generation were both boys. Upon graduation from high school, the two cousins chose the same college and became roommates. During their sophomore year, ONE boy decided to go into the ministry. The other didn't. He undoubtedly felt some pressure to continue the family legacy, but he chose instead to pursue his interest in psychology. He earned his doctorate and eventually wrote books for parents. That ONE man was Dr. James Dobson. What is in ONE?

Queen Esther was ONE who fasted and prayed and as a result God spared Israel. Jonah was ONE man who preached ONE sermon and then the king called a fast and the city of Nineveh was saved from destruction. Do not underestimate your prayers for your ONE prayer today just might win a soul to Jesus, save a city, spare a nation from destruction, and bring revival to the world.

Thanks for having that ONE VISION: REVIVAL. AND MORE THAN THAT, YOU HAVE KEPT THE VISION TO THIS VERY DAY!

Love, Marilyn Boudenhagen

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Dear Brother Helm,

I have been wanting to tell you about a healing I received at a Waiting on God. Here is my testimony.

I had a lump on my left knee the size of a turkey egg. I had gone to the doctor to find out what I could do about it, and, upon close examination, he said that this lump would never leave my knee and that I would have to live with it.

The next week I attended a Waiting on God - sitting somewhere in the middle on an end seat. Now the only other person that knew of the lump, mind you, was my wife, Marie. We had told no one. During the afternoon session, Brother Helm, you stopped as is by force and said, "Oh - Oh, there is a man here who has a large lump on his left knee." You prayed, then said, "Jesus is healing that right now."

I looked at my knee and felt the pain as much as ever. I started to stand up to tell you, Brother Helm, "that's me, and it is still there." Now you never looked at me or even turned around - you just immediately waved your arm and said, "That's all right brother, it is healed. Sit down."

Wanting to be obedient, I sat back down and, by faith, believed the report. I dismissed thinking

about it anymore - until I returned home. That night, to my surprise, when undressing I found the lump had disappeared. Next day, back to the doctor to show him my knees. He said the Lord had to heal my knee. No way, I mean, no way could that lump ever have been removed.

It is a miracle. Praise the Lord. We pray every day for you and Florence to be healed totally from all infirmities.

God bless you both, Myron Miller

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Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm,

Praying you will be encouraged today as you await the harvest of good things God has planned for you. God bless you today. May you have a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends.

I do pray each day that you will be encouraged. I have an urgency to pray that way. I feel that you get pressed down so often, and, I want you to know my love reaches across the miles to you both.

I get such a joy and praise as I read your letters. You have been a great blessing to my life. May God be praised for your obedience.

In Christian Love, Mabel Arnold

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Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm,

You don't know me, but I thank God I know you. I am so thankful that I went to some of the Waitings Upon God.

I have a beauty shop next door to the Lynchburg Christian Fellowship. In 1992 someone from the church came in and gave me A Voice in the Wilderness book. I read it and it helped me so much. I started going to the church. In my shop I have all kinds of people, denominations, races, ministers, etc. Thanks to the Bible, your book and the church I am able to love all of them regardless of who they are or what they do.

I would also like to tell you how much the cassettes of Mrs. Helm's music have blessed my soul. I appreciate and love you both with all my heart. I am praying for both of you.

Sincerely, Linda Wilkins

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Dearest Brother Helm,

Praise God for his goodness. I wanted to review and thank you for the wonderful time I had with

you at the supper table. I enjoyed the sharing so much of how God led you to go to Nigeria at such off-season times and how the ants covered your table, and how to take care of difficult situations when things go wrong.

I have heard you share these stories before, but Rev. Helm, they never grow old. I felt like a child sitting around the father's table. The time went so fast. Well praise God, Jesus is Lord. I love you so much.

In Christ's Name, Clarence Pribble

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Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm,

It was a great spiritual experience to be in Parker City for the recent services. It was a great privilege to have dinner with you. We are still gleaning from the many sharings, lessons that were provided us as we shared the meal. When you shook my hand and prayed for me prior to all of us entering the restaurant, I felt great power of God coming through your hand.

I want to share with you something that occurred on Thursday night while in Parker City. I arrived at the church about an hour early and just sat in my car, looking at the church and the surrounding area, and reviewing the greatness of the revelation and work of God which was before my eyes. At one moment when I looked at the church, I caught sight of a portion of the bottom of a white robe as it then passed out of sight to the right of the window that is between the two sets of doors. At the sight, "JESUS" immediately came to me.

With love, honor and thanksgiving, Barbara

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Dear Brother Helm,

Praise the Lord! I am sorry it has been so long since I have written. You and Florence are on our hearts daily in prayer and your lives still are affecting our lives in a positive way.

The message of self-denial has changed my life and has made it possible to teach our children this message at an early age. What a blessing it is to walk in God's ways as opposed to the ways of the flesh.

God has been so good to us - better than we deserve. I am thankful to have a husband who loves the Word of God more than any other hobby he has. Whose desire is to have a Godly home.

Keep proclaiming the message whether to one or many. Thank you for loving our family through all of our weaknesses!

In Christ, Karin Litchfield